

## Prologue

Ayreon

THIS IS THE VOICE OF MERLIN. LISTEN WELL, FOR IT CONCERNS YOU.  
THIS CHRONICLE COMMENCES IN THE YEAR 2084 A.D.  
MANKIND HAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED ITSELF. IT'S SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON  
'THE FINAL EXPERIMENT'.  
SCIENTISTS FROM THE 21ST CENTURY HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW COMPUTERPROGRAM  
CALLED 'TIME TELEPATHY'. BY USING THIS TECHNIQUE THEY HAVE SENT  
VISIONS OF HUMANITIES' DECLINE BACK IN TIME. THESE TRANSMISSIONS  
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MIND OF A BLIND MINSTREL WHO LIVES IN  
6TH CENTURY GREAT BRITAIN. HIS NAME ....  
IS 'AYREON'.

IT SHALL BE AYREON'S QUEST TO SING OF THESE VISIONS AND THUS WARN  
THE WORLD  
OF ITS IMPENDING DOWNFALL IN ORDER TO CHANGE ITS FUTURE IN A LONG  
AND PROSPEROUS ONE. LET US GO BACK TO 'THE DARK AGES'.