

# BLAME IT ON THE STARS



**ARIES (21 Mar-20 April)** If you're smart, you'll hunker down and take care of business. No, it's not a thrill a minute; yes, it's good for you. Find your center and work your way out, humbly for a change. You're being noticed. Sniff the wind, anticipate spring, remember that perseverance always furthers. Strong allies surface, teachers appear, lessons are made clear. Stoke the fires for tomorrow.



**TAURUS (21 April-20 May)** Spring comes early. Tumult and transformation. New people, new ideas, new habits. Examine your perspectives and expand your understanding. If something's not worth fighting about, don't. Expect a little confusion and keep a close eye on your work. Choices arise. Deciding not to decide is not the best decision. Neither is ignoring who you are and what you want.



**GEMINI (21 May-20 June)** For once, the foundations feel secure. Your worldview matches the world. Use the strength gently, remember that others have opinions too and that it's more important to understand than to be understood. Embrace whimsy, flirt everywhere but the workplace, and don't doubt for a minute the sloop of your karma is running full sail, loaded with the good stuff.



**CANCER (21 June-22 July)** You've had balmy months. Remember that emotional turmoil must serve a purpose or you wouldn't have been given so much of it. Don't expect firm ground or winds that don't shift to the rear. A good month to cultivate a more experienced laugh. Good things come to those who don't lose their head and forget the power of hope. Promise under challenge.



**LEO (23 July-22 August)** Your world is a little out of whack, the needle on the compass of your karma seems bent, cause and effect lose touch. Stuff and nonsense. All reality is perceived reality. Have faith, behave yourself, and take another look. Act only on what you know, don't engage in petty conflicts, don't want what you don't have, don't forget who you are. Allow someone to pamper you.



**VIRGO (23 August-22 Sept)** Your spirits are up, making this a dandy month to nourish hope and avoid stupid decisions having anything to do with love or money. On the other hand, if a relationship is eating more than it brings to the meal, it might be smart to cut your losses. Examine the box you're in and entertain notions of expanding it. Think without worry, do what makes you feel strong.



**LIBRA (23 Sept-22 Oct)** Change is afoot, much energy flows, more love than you can shake a stick at. Avoid knee jerk decisions that involve trading one less than perfect partner for another. Unless they're truly a drag, then cut them off like a karmic hangnail. Focus on those closest to you, let them be who they are, retreat from judgments. There's much more to learn than you know.



**SCORPIO (23 Oct-22 Nov)** Volatile is the word we're looking for. Your energy is directed outward and, left unmonitored, can become manic activity. Trust can be misplaced, wit can become babble, power frittered away. Avoid neglecting your primary relationship. Self righteousness is its own reward and the reward's never pretty. Ignore the incompetence and pettiness. It will go away.



**SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov-21 Dec)** The strength of a thousand camels in the courtyard. Past work is stored energy, the crop comes in. Friendships are the only real wealth, interest is paid on loyalty and common goals. Take the moral high ground, remember the strongest force in the universe is love, and be a vessel for positive change. Inspire the world with your dreams.



**CAPRICORN (22 Dec-19 Jan)** An appropriate sense of power and a realization that you're not chopped liver. What you are is a rock of clarity and resolution in the midst of the chaos swirling around you. No, it's not easier than it sounds. Your biggest blunder will be to worry, especially about money. Your second is throw a relationship into the dumpster by being unwilling to bend.



**AQUARIUS (20 Jan-18 Feb)** Heightened awareness, increased sensitivity, and a healthy urge to be reclusive. Close encounters with loved ones deepen bonds of trust, close encounters with yourself deepen faith. Examine expectations and observe what is. There is a path that leads from where you are to where you want to be. Sit quietly and the path will come to you.



**PISCES (19 Feb-20 March)** The world is in love with you again. Nothing more charming than a Pisces in full bloom: the magic of poetry, the truth of beauty, waves dancing in the moonlight. You feed the hungry with your dreams and you owe it to the universe to dream them. Permit yourself to be who you are and the winds of karma are at your back. Don't spit into them.

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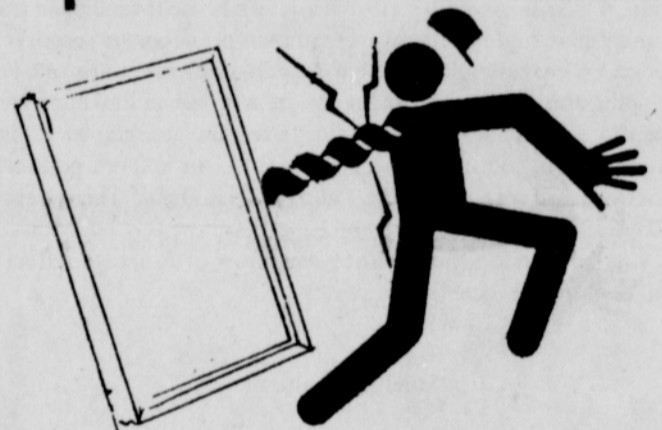
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2. Howl, Allen Ginsberg, 1956
3. The Doors of Perception, Aldous Huxley, 1954
4. The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, B. Tavern, 1935
5. The Horse's Mouth, Joyce Cary, 1944
6. The River Why, David James Duncan, 1983
7. Hell's Angels, Hunter Thompson, 1966
8. The Hash Knife Outfit, Zane Grey, 1933
9. The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger, 1951
10. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown, 1971
11. Another Roadside Attraction, Tom Robbins, 1971
12. Catch 22, Joseph Heller, 1955
13. Silent Spring, Rachel Carson, 1962

Okay now for the bonus round: Can anyone tell us where from this line comes? "In the land of darkness the charter of the sun is pulled by the Grateful Dead"? Any Deadheads out there with memory cells?

13. "There was once a town in the heart of America where all life seemed to live in harmony with its surroundings."

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