

Volume 1

when the sky hung closer to the earth
the people sought to have more than simple cloth
they had a great hunger for beauty
a hunger that was stronger than fear
and so they brought back a piece of the sky
and ate it
but a bit of the sky would not fulfill them for long
and they were set on a path of infinite desire

Volume 2

prepare the dye indigo by the condensation of 2-nitrobenzaldehyde with propanone
weigh out approximately .1g of 2-nitrobenzaldehyde into a test tube
add 2 cm³ of propanone from a measuring cylinder
the solution quickly darkens and a purple solid (indigo) precipitates
filter the solution, washing with deionized water until the washings are colorless
discard waste
synthesis is very simple and quick yet it is mechanistically complex involving condensations,
disproportionations and oxidations
Technology does not quench but only augments desire

Volume 3

LB + AMP media is prepared
the cells produce monooxygenase from *Rhodococcus*
indole is oxidized, creating indoxyl, which spontaneously forms indigo
the loop is sterilized before harvesting colonies
a loop is used to harvest colonies
the colonies are lysed in sodium hydroxide and pelleted in a centrifuge