

Aquarius (A-kwer-e-us) - The Water Carrier

The Water Carrier is the cupbearer to the gods living atop Mount Olympus. His name is *Ganymede*.

Ganymede was the son of King *Tros*, after whom the city of *Troy* was named.

Ganymede was abducted one day while he was keeping watch over a herd of his father's sheep. In one story it was *Eos*, the Goddess of the Dawn, who abducted the boy.

In the more common version of the story it was *Zeus* himself that was taken with the beauty of the shepherd boy and sent his eagle down to steal away the boy in its claws. The boy was carried off to the top of *Mount Olympus* to become the serving boy to the gods, pouring out from his jar the mixture of water and nectar quaffed by the gods in their revels.

