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Thoughts are consumed at once into nothing—  
like stars.

Thoughts could consume you and I at once into nothing—  
like intergalactic stars that were furious and fat before each galaxy thought of itself.  
Stars collapse into nothing.

Love begins  
when a galaxy thinks of itself,  
and then of itself not alone.

In those eyes I see my own vision;  
a panorama over his blue skies,  
and take up alchemy with an androgynous man.  
I let myself onto a world where it feels like it did in the beginning  
when I thought of myself alone.

There was nothing to touch—  
all was my own—  
and the skin which held me then as I floated alone

becomes his arms as I am yet still alone,  
and there is nothing else,  
because we are one.

by Melissa Patterson