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STARGAZER'S SONNET

When compass fails, we look to find our way
By silver sparks of flame which fret the sky,
Stars burning free and clear from where they stay
To guide us through the forests from up high.
They float and dance within their godly spheres,
Reflecting in celestial forms the earth:
The zodiac, and driving charioteers,
And heroes who have led us since man's birth.
But beautiful as stars are to be seen,
Each one consumes the spirit in its core;
And from exalted places they careen
To icy space as twisted rocks of ore.
And though we worship stars for constancy,
They, too, must fall to all eternity.

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