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Space for the swift eye's
Wildest flight
Lost and free
In the land of light,

Of heat and silence,
The empty land
Where life goes over
Like blown sand;

Man uprooted
Swings in air
To shrivel between
The lidless stare

Of earth and sky,
And he may crawl
Within his being's
Musty stall

Or give himself
In yearning awe
To the cruel beauty
Whose will and law

Are none of his—
It does not matter,
His dreams are dust
For the wind to scatter.