

Interstellar Solace

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Because he has become an object
of infinitesimal consequence,
he considers the swirl of galaxies
with their black hole hearts,
the accelerating spread of space
beyond the reach of human instruments,
the invisible matter and waves
we know are there
by the magnitude of their effects,
he knows the dynasties and epochs
that fill the volumes new and old
and mock and cajole him
amount to very little in the spread
and vastness of the stars and dark.

