

HEAVENLY BODIES

(for Sue Ann)

If I revive from my death
to find myself reincarnated
as an asteroid,
I shall streak through the skies
leaving trails of my being
hanging the heavens,
spelling your name.

And if after I die I return
as the rings of Saturn,
I will undrape that planet
and search the galaxy
looking for the heavenly body
that represents
your resurrection.

And if at eternity's end
our universe collapses
into some colossal black hole,
I will drape your presence
as we are pulled
lovingly into the vacuum,
together to oblivion.

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