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## Periodic Elements

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movement.

Under neon signs he paid  
for drinks and whispered  
logic in her ear.  
Science took Faith  
home on a second date.

Her careless fingertips  
traced stars. Stopping  
before mercury and  
temperature's rising.  
He made maps of her  
middle, safely.  
Her dogma chained to  
the fence. Gnawing on  
Calcium bones.

Up stairs she stumbled  
on theory. He explained  
fire-bugs and lightning

next movement

She's fooled by meanings.  
The eternal. The fleeting.  
Seeking reasons to keep  
floating in this awful god town.

Her airy diction fumbles  
towards definition.  
dreaming oceans stained  
by the numbers he spills.

"He'll change at fall's climax"  
she whispers.  
Still.

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last movement

There's fallacy in words.  
Does want need reason?  
Would you rather bend my spine  
than look at me?  
Still, I need to be held.  
Sustained in stolen atmosphere.