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HONORABLE MENTION: POETRY

PEONIES

by Dennis Rudd

Seas without inlets,
Continents without shores
Embracing, receding
Upon an ebullient sphere
Lost in the void.

Stars without number,
Worlds without names
Whirling and spinning
Inside the celestial dome
Of an invisible sky.

When will the hairy hand
Withdraw the dying flowers
From the crystal vase?
Will they be reflected or refracted
Or absorbed
Fragmenting the mirrored ball?
What is the sound that light makes
Traveling through the darkest space?

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