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### The God Particle

So small, invisible,  
infinitesimal,  
yet discrete, the whole point  
being beyond  
any measurement of night,  
the everything  
under it all, the pillar,  
not a nod or a wink,  
not created in six days:  
but before.

Making—not particularly—  
a universe, every dark matter  
affiliated with stars,  
every star a host  
to a possible earth, every star  
nebula and nova,

alpha, omega:  
but before.

Whenever I wonder  
what heaven is, when  
a universe rides into deep  
nothings,  
I shiver, I reach out for alive,  
the molecular imagination,  
of eternity:  
but before.

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