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## The Passing of the Dark

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Once, you could see antiquity,  
Look back into time on silver shafts  
That went on into forever.  
Ancient fire refracted and scattered:  
Inspiration and mystery,  
Guideposts for continents,  
Breath of creation myths.

Once, before the bright rage of security  
Crawled over coal pit eyes and  
Point-source lights grew on copper chains,  
Before the night light of blind hearts  
Destroyed the intensity of black,  
Once, you could feel:  
Endless time,  
Blink of eons,  
Massive insignificance.

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