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Tuesday morning came and she had everything ready. She had said good-bye to everyone except her parents. They were to be there in an half hour. How would she react? She wasn't sure. She will miss everyone so much, yet she was now sure of her decision.

Her parents arrived. They were happy, yet she knew that they did not completely and entirely approve of her motorcycle trip. Saying goodbye and holding back tears, she knew it was time to leave.

Taking off, all she looked back at were her parents waving and her dog barking.

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Extraterrestrial pageantry
emblazoned across a sky
of midnight dream—steeped fantasy
in evenings final cry
for ancient glittering gallantry
to Terra's passers—by.

Venus' drunken glories now
displayed for mortal eye
in silvered shades of blue and grey
await a strange reply.
In gem—encrusted silence grow
beginnings of a sigh.

Stargaze swiftly fades in time.
The glimmers fall awry.
When denizens of laden sleep
recede from futile try
with echoes of a fatal rhyme
old Babylon will die.

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