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We Live on a Fire Planet

“We live on a fire planet”

Dr. Brian Amiro, quoted in *CBC*'s May 2018 article “‘We live on a fire planet’: Why spring is the most dangerous time for wildfires”

We live on a fire planet.
A fire sends from high,
a fire in the deep receives it.

The core, a magnet,
calls back to sky.
We live on a fire planet.

To space, a net
where solar signals multiply—
a fire in the deep sends it.

Earth's poles, dynamic,
switch roles, awry.
We live on a fire planet.

Sun to solid metal: an ambit,
a reply.
A fire in the deep receives, sends it.

The cycling heart, galvanic.
Fields from flowing iron overlie.
We live on a fire planet.
A fire receives, sends it.

Light from Elsewhere

the weather is a house with open windows
the weather useth open windows
weather us open wind
weather us on wind
o wind
o

lunar eclipse
the moon in the earth's shadow
two bodies, no light
this planet casts dark
a spell of weather

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