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I found the Big Dipper in his freckles  
and I knew then that he would never truly  
belong to me  
I traced the constellations on his skin,  
thinking that  
maybe it would make him stay  
here, with me, on this planet  
instead of in the sky  
I was only seventeen when you pointed out  
Cassiopeia up in her chair, a vain queen  
and I wondered why that made you  
think of me  
I was determined to find her on your skin  
on your back or  
on your cheeks or  
maybe your arms  
because she's up there basking in her fame  
I just want to be beautiful for you,  
not vain.