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Surrounded by the black sea of space.
A cosmic merry-go-round
Of mass and energy
Shifting back and forth forever.
Heavenly machinery
Linked together by
Dark matter,
A golden chain
Of invisible mass.
A universe
Of inferences:
Measuring cosmic mass
Distance and velocity
Beyond human reach and control.
A symphony of
Silence
The true sound of space.
Divine handiwork
Afar. But not apart.

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