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Decrees thrown down by the sun: shadows:
the sky is eating them up and grows darker
and closer until all the shadows are gone but one:
the sky big with darkness and something else gone:
the sun: to a very other place.

From a dense place very close: the wind:
escapes to here: makes all the air of a sudden
moving with the pure spirit of muscle and rushing
to pull at the fingers of trees to challenge
branches of roots and roots of branches.

This is all warning earnestly: rain:
but the sound of the plunging wet surprises:
sky draining of darkness: trees drinking tallness: and me:
I am running behind the changes writing:
especially: that it is over.

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Once, you could see antic
Look back into time on si
That went on into forever
Ancient fire refracted at
Inspiration and mystery,
Guideposts for continer
Breath of creation myt

Once, before the bright r
Crawled over coal pit eye
Point-source lights grew
Before the night light of
Destroyed the intensity c
Once, you could feel:
Endless time,
Blink of eons,
Massive insignificance

Paul