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This wide, wide open night I stand miles high  
Within the starlight cradling air,  
And in my covering of clay awaken little embryonic stars,  
Infant suns and moons are kindled on my tongue,  
Whole galaxies revolve upon the tips of my bright fingers.

I loom higher, melting outward in the drifting air of space  
Until Arcturus pulses as my bright and spindled heart,  
Until my loins become the rowdy red Aldebaran of fecund Taurus,  
My mind the quick blue flame of Rigel.

O chant those holy, holy words  
That bind my triangle of sacramental self  
Upon the altars of the sky  
In reverence to those lordly stars  
That are the kindred brothers to the throne of God.

—Randall L. Hall

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