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I have seen fierce stars against the black  
and shifting countenance of space;  
have watched the edge of shadow sliced away  
by moonrise on new snow, and I have paced  
a sheen of desert in the press of sun.

I have felt the pulse of unborn thoughts  
quicken in my brain; have changed strains  
of genius from a violin  
into poems patterned in my mouth.

I have watched the flame devour air  
and burst the heart of wood to free the fire;  
have caught wild lightening in a wire  
to ignite the wick of lamps within my walls  
and send the dark suddenly away.

There is another flaming not of Earth,  
of magnitude beyond a sea of suns.  
It is the glory that I long to taste  
when God at last unwraps to me His face:

Unnumbered burnished trumpets sound the blare  
and celebrate with rich and shimmering psalms;  
their honey, holy-sweet, upon my tongue  
makes all of vibrant Earth seem bare beside  
the nurturing of angels in the blaze  
and brilliance of His white, delicious light.

—Pamela Hamblin