The Golden Chain

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Paradise pendant from a golden chain opal pendant paradise swirling blue and green through white cloud streaks: golden chain gleaming on the breast of God.

But now

The chain hangs empty
Earth has fled to embrace darkness

and the golden chain long-line smooth, sun-linked and heavy with eternity

hangs empty

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