

Absent Sound

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God lives in silence, Heaven
too far from atmosphere for sound
to vibrate absent oxygen, separate causes
of reverence and calm coincidental

to the environment of a mute God.
Which explains why prayers
are simpler said than answered
and we so seldom hear our Lord:

pleadings stop at the edge of space,
never reaching outer, untraceable
amounts of CO₂ the only evidence
we hoped embrace to supplicate.

All things are possible with Eloi,
so insisting science and the physicality
of universes on Divinity may be
irreverently disinclined to grace.

But directed by the scientific method,
there is evidence, as in the absence
of voice or melody or any sound resounding
in the limitless impressiveness of space.

That evidence is the same
whether Buddha, Allah, Zeus:
Nothing. Neither door closing
nor engine of God's calamity

turning over. How can we know
the angel song, the voice of God,
when every noise goes deaf in that
vacuum between us and Heaven?