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## Constructing Heaven 2

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It never was anything but pieces of what we've thought  
to value: gold, pearls, church music among the spheres.  
And of course the people we loved here,  
whole again and ready to sit and talk  
over a drink of an enhanced elixir.  
Perhaps a child we knew shows up, utterly himself.  
Or the mother young as when we sat to listen  
to Bible stories we swallowed whole, like medicine.

We've thought we might relive, in a high somewhere,  
the day of a reward, prizes won, applause,  
a farther future in the same shape going on  
with everything in it, only spotless.

More likely is the Nothing, nothing at all,  
the simplicity that terrifies, the killer punch—

although it did become the Cosmos, once.