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speak the elements

You make note and your hand just softly touches the paper To the Celestial Record a rival humble Slowly, of your own you write out note: on the borders of the shadows a blooming wind like a cobweb parts anxiety

Tremolo. Final tones

Only now in the silence of the dome music you listen for eternal Speak the elements

Tumbled the pictures around the galleries from the golden frames Melts the illusion. And the soul like a shirt tight puts aside this matter in which you of anxiety like a pollen full just evoked the true reality

But one should, before you touch it record a wind one should write out anxiety A tremulous composition of music one should, one should also an element feel universal so that you would your before the Celestial Face Recognise shadow, illuminated

(speak the elements)

keep silence the elements

At times stops the picture on the edge of your glance It stops, like a once and for all ended motion. Happens nothing, just: keep silence the elements

Certain, you feel, happened metamorphosis in the world You stand aside and unravel the meaning of something that is also your deed

It struck you, miraculously: a moment ago, with your hand you waved amid the air and here is it already lowered earthward But that motion remained eternal and only by it you know you are in an infinite settled space and only your thought possession-wishful sets its dimension

(keep silence the elements)

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