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THIEF

I have been inducted into a new fellowship:
Covid survivors.

As we discover each other
we compare symptoms,
time lost forever
cravings or or lack of
the endless cough
brain fog, of course
how we managed the lack of energy
stayed in our robes all day.

Why no-one else comprehends,
how long it took to feel ourselves again,
if ever,
what we missed,
how much was stolen from our lives.

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Celestial Spy

The ooohs and aaahs have started up again
after the Hubble telescope grew old
and we grew numb to its spectacle.

The Webb unfurled its golden pentagrams
and peered into the birth bed
of a million ancient galaxies.

Creation and destruction — Brahma and Kali,
the universe is seething with the noise of birth
and black holes sucking planets to oblivion.

The innocent child's question, where do we
come from? has sent us into orbit
determined to leap back billions of years

Past the chaos of the firmament
into the fireball of our origin
the roiling chemistry of life.

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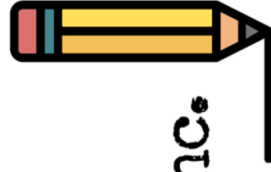
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