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## THE PYRAMIDS

A pyramid is a prism,

A ramp,

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Despite its artistry, Its hammered symmetry, It hides a deep distress: Its aim is that it erase death.

A pyramid is a starship that attempts a stasis,

A ship, tethered at the deep past, A dry epitaph that tapers as it rises, A stairstep eyrie, Emersed, That radiates a dry heat.

A theist apiary aimed at the stars.

Its misty depths hide sapphires, amethysts, tapestries, ships. The departed rest there: their hearts are dehydrated.