

## **After All**

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**We were born in Orions, after all**

**When the first elements, swirling, boiling, coalesced**

**Moons, planets, even suns can break, after all**

**Losing brightness, transferring mass and energy to other accretions**

**Those meteors were bearers of life, after all**

**Splashing into primordial waters, long before they killed dinosaurs**

**We surrendered to the chemistry of the sea, after all**

**Forming membranes and nuclei that guaranteed change and replication**

**We moved, so slowly, to the land, after all**

**Adjusting fins, gills, feet and the whims of gases**

**Each second, trillions of neutral sub-atomic particles pass through  
our bodies, after all**

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**Changing us, connecting us to the vastness of the yet to be seen**

**We sway with every divergence and convergence, after all**

**Echoed in the widening visual and aural spectra of time and distance**

**We do not yet know, the implantation of soul, after all**

**The when, the where, the how, the why, the who**

**We stagger, longing, imagining consolation**

**In this perfect imperfection,**

**This imperfect perfection, after all.**

**— All Souls Day 2010, Philippines**