

## **The Constellations**

The trick is always to appear fixed,  
whatever happens. To hold the pattern

we were born to, though its significance  
may be lost to us. Here is where we make

our stand; our love will be defined not by  
attitude or by embrace but by the distances

mapped out between us. We'll light  
everything that needs our light, steadfast

as the stars we fell from, trusting  
in them through disaster and catastrophe,

though we know in our hearts  
they are burning in their traces, like us all.

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