

THE NIGHT SKY IN JUNE

Transparent sky of a warm summer's evening,
Gaze and admire the colours of the stars.
The Milky Way stretching from east to west,
Parting like a pitchfork toward its setting horizon.

Constellations dance merrily among the cosmos,
With their dazzling beacons such as Deneb, Vega and Altair.
They create their summer triangle of wonder,
And invite the Planets to join heaven's harmony.

The Swan holds the hand of the Eagle,
Chasing the Charioteer in the direction of the Herdsman,
Emerald Uranus and Ocean spray Neptune,
Move almost as one, hugging the southern ecliptic.

Early summer's crescent Moon holds Venus to account
As our Sun remains a twilight glow,
Fiery red to the canvas,
I spot a noctilucent cloud strangely ghosting ice white.

The Virgin's offer descends west,
As the Great Bear's family dominate overhead,
I send a kiss into the night sky,
And realise that Van Gogh was right.