

SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY

(Inspired by a photograph of M51 Whirlpool Galaxy by Karan Bawa)

I live in the arms of this whirlpool
The nebulosity boiling hot
I grow old and await collapse
My light still burning bright

I am thirty-five million light years away
You observe me not as I am now
But how I was in my youth
Young, blue, energetic
A fusion interactive cocktail

My galaxy is being pulled away
And drifts to a younger aggressor
The invader's strength extracting my core
And soon there will be nothing left
No pulse

A spaceship came calling last year
Said it was a Voyager from Planet Earth
Did you send this to my rescue?
This pathfinder to the stars
What is its destination?

Voyager has a disk of sounds and a map
Planet Earth is blessed by a star of its own
Your planet sounds like a nice place
I hope you all live as one
There is so much to learn and so little time

I said goodbye to Voyager
I chose not to board the vessel
I am sad to see it disappear
Taking its message of goodwill
You are our friends

Look at me tonight
I am there. You can see me
A birthplace of suns
We are the same
Stardust