

# Across the Void

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*Danaë*, Egon Schiele, 1909

“Amoral sights of misdirected love—  
misused and wasted time in ill pursuits,  
ill roaming—steel the will that greed pollutes.  
Elation thoughts don’t come from skies above.  
Since times eternal, good is known whereof:  
decay revealing voids, and evil’s roots  
abounding, lying deep where blood dilutes  
not merely wights, but virtues fates oft shove  
abroad and for the brave to pick. For Grace  
abides and dwells unkenned with those She stirs,  
cyclonic power to powder grinding us.

Obey, resist: we'll rise or fall in lace  
arational, in webs where meaning blurs,  
losing our bearings. Fright is blinding us..."

Twinkled the ice, the diamond dust of lost  
snippets of memories in the landscape's frost...

"Cross windy seas and frozen lands you traveled,  
forbidden paths you trod and sailed. You found,  
amongst the carcasses of hopes I raveled,  
damp faces buried in the snow, the drowned  
fiends of my past. Get rid of yours, don't let them  
unnerve your heart. I'll help you. You'll forget them.  
Apart from me, no one will understand.  
Face your own desert, faith dissolved in sand.  
Adders were crawling there, do you remember?  
We're transient as we last, like swelling waves  
glistening in the weather-gleam. We're graves  
uplifted, dignified: our bones dismember  
decidedly the selfless soul in shards;  
our conscience is an empty house of cards..."

Acceptance and rebellion felt the same...  
When all are upside down, who's left to blame?

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