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To sit atop a rocket
in the dead of night
and look darkward

To feel the balance
shift beneath you

To feel the
earth sway
and all that
connects you
let go
to vibration
so intense
you reject
all ties
cry
for release that
explodes
the dark
with light
so bright
it calls the
soul
to lift
skyward

to be
a star.

I will never be an astronaut.
But I have felt
the shake of soul
the pull of earth
the siren song of

sky.

I have sat in the
dead of night and looked
darkward
waiting for the
light.

Waiting for the light
to lift me
skyward
to be
the stars.



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