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by Lance Nizami

An old college campus, tree-shaded in Potsdam  
A campus of tall red-brick buildings and small ones  
To one side, a land-point stands over a woodland,  
A fine deer-filled woodland

A green land-point, table-flat, grass cut quite closely,  
A tower there, Art Nouveau, five stories tall;  
Smooth concrete, time-whitened, natural, seamless—  
No edges; quite seamless

A dome on the topside for sky observation  
The stories of concrete, a tube for the light-rays  
In the basement: equipment to photograph starlight,  
The glorious starlight

A five-story tower to test complex theory  
Waiting for rarest eclipse of the sun  
Built here to test the wild thoughts of a genius,  
A questioning genius

What to say, now, of that Art Nouveau tower  
The genius long dead, the tower now quiet  
Glowing so gently soft white in the sunshine,  
The fusion-made sunshine

Waiting for genius to open its doors once again