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FERRIS WHEEL

by Jannett Highfill

The obligatory steel bar across our chests,
our breath suspended, we sway backward and upward
as the farground becomes girders and spokes.

The lights of the town are flung out like dice,
and you caress the stars as if they could be pleased
into acquiescence, while I dread rushing to meet gravity
with open arms. Savoring the last rocking arc
you pause and step to earth like Sheba.

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