Cosmic Trip

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Cosmic trip for one,

Hitch an inner tube to a blazing meteor,

Surf a radioactive wave,

Pushed and pulled by the Moon,

Sauna by a bubbling sea of methane,

Drifting to sleep as I get dizzy staring,

At swirling galaxies,

Teasing event horizons by staying just short of their grasp,

Checking out a poetry reading at a speak-easy,

Hidden among stars, impossible to find,
Attend a lecture on interplanetary cuisine using a fusion reactor,

Marvel at *en mode* antennae styles at inter-nebulae fashion shows,

Stop in on Pluto, since no one ever calls anymore,

Marginalized, on the edge,

An identity smaller than its size,

Might run into Elvis, and his pelvis,

We’d share a peanut butter and banana sandwich,

Talk about Memphis,

Until strings vibrate me home.

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