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Do not be alarmed by the diamonds that glare in the tangle of my hair.

Does it scare you that my words are sharper than broken glass and brighter than the sun of your Universe?

Do you tremble when I exhale a fine mess of dust that shimmers like the crushed stars in which my inner pieces swim?

Do not be alarmed by me, a planet, no longer light years away,

Close enough to shake the orbit of your Earth.

Embrace me, this satellite adrift covered in the powder of space and time.

I have seen the darkness, and I have set it ablaze.

Breathe in the gold that paints my being.

Empty your bottle and fill it with the air left silver-hued by my laugh.

I can fill your nights with flame.

I can teach you to speak loud and dream louder, to burden the stars with the weight of greater wishes and chase fear into eternity.

Because as I search for all that glitters,

That is what I become.