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Star

I speak of beauty sharpened to a point:
Da Vincian figures, angels in the sphere.
It's Aphrodite's number, lingering
code of the body — stretch from palm to heel.

I am so taken with the way you move,
no frozen image can approximate—
only wind in branches, only slow
and gracious rays through interrupting clouds.

A long elastic curve, but interspersed
with a moment's hesitation - so.
Each line tends to the next one. Spread
your fingers wide so I can hand you this

sweet ripened fruit, and if you missed
its petals several weeks ago, we may
find the same mystery sliced from the side—
stars and roses, love; apples and pears.

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