

JUPITER AND THE BEAVER MOON
(December 2012)

**BRIGHT JUPITER AND THE BEAVER MOON
ROSE SILENT SOMEWHERE IN THE EAST
TRAVERSED A FROSTY SKY AND CAME
TO REST AWHILE IN MY BACK YARD**

**ENTANGLED MAYBE IN AN OAK
IT SEEMED THEIR STEADY RISE HAD CEASED
THEIR WESTWARD PROGRESS AT A HALT!
- ILLUSION, BUT A PLEASANT ONE**

**TWO FOXES SAT AND WATCHED THE SKY
AND LEFT UNTOUCHED A ROADKILL FEAST
AN OWL NEARBY EXPLAINED THE SIGHT
"GET READY FOR THE COMING SNOW!"**

**OR SOUNDS I THINK TO THAT EFFECT.
THE NIGHT WORLD'S WISDOM THUS INCREASED,
SOME BATS CAME OUT TO JOIN THE FUN
THOUGH BEING BATS, THEY COULDN'T STAY**

**BUT FLUTTERED MERRILY ROUND A LIGHT
TO CELEBRATE A WHILE AT LEAST
THE VISITORS WHO CAME THAT NIGHT
ONCE IN TEN THOUSAND MILLION YEARS**

**I CALLED INSIDE "COME OUT AND LOOK!"
IN MY NEW ROLE AS ASTRONOMER-PRIEST
"WE'LL BE RIGHT OUT!" THE WARM FOLK FIBBED
AS I SHIVERED IN MY FLANNEL SHIRT**

**I LATER HEARD SOMEWHERE ONLINE
WAS A VIDEO MADE BY A FRENCH ARTISTE
DANCING TO HONOR THE FINE RARE SIGHT
OF MOON AND PLANET IN CLOSE EMBRACE**

**I GUESS A DANCE WOULD BE OKAY
BUT I HAD STOOD WITH BIRD AND BEAST
AS WE HONORED EACH IN OUR OWN WAY
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