

Gichigami

Daily we rise
To see you before us
Awed by your presence,
Your silent chorus.

No thought, no call demands us
To turn our heads your way,
But pause we must
At the start of our day.

We stand, and peer,
No human can compare.
Your silent indifference
Filling us as we stare

What it is you hold
Deep inside all being
The mystery of this life
Heard, touched, and seen

Through the day, a glance,
You remain, even when out of sight,
We, pulled away by convention,
Ever mindful of your might.

At dusk when work is done
Our tools put down,
We turn our eyes your way again
In your silence to drown.

To sleep we slip, at peace to rest
A gently falling wave,
In morn to rise, to gaze your way
Our thanks for what you gave.

To pull our eyes
To you, oh silent friend.
Standing with us, night and day
From early start to very end.

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