

Beyond the Spectrum

Beyond the spectrum are secret suburbs
where colours vanish and cloudy contours
of photoelectrons float and flicker,
infra within and ultra without.

Inside, the airwaves idly loiter,
broadcasting blindly in slow-worm bandwidths,
lazily crawling across the cosmos,
longer and longer, looking for life.

But in the ultra-violent outside
short waves grow shorter, shifty and pint-sized,
poking their noses in private places,
X-rays tearing through tender pretences,
gamma rays gate-crashing guilty pleasures,
squalid, unseemly and out of sight.

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