

## "In The Beginning"

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In the be-GIN-ning was the Great Radiance  
Four-teen billion years ago . . .  
Out of the fireball came simple hydrogen  
and HELIUM from that great glow

Gra – vi-ty swirled those gases into stars  
White, yellow, blue-oooh, and red . . .  
But NO DANCing planets till the birth of silicon  
Calcium, iron, and lead

The first generations of an- cestor stars squeezed  
Pri-mal gases into stone . . .  
In-to Ox-y-gen and  
In-to Ni-tro-gen  
into-CAL-ci-um-for-ant-ler-and Bone

Then they expired and launched back into space  
A-toms-born-of-pres-sure-and-STRIFE . . .  
So-la-ter-gen-er-a-tions / of / stars-like-our-own-sun  
could have PLA-NETS and maybe even life

We are made of stardust .. We are born from death  
Greet your cou-sins who twink-le in the night . . .  
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do-we-leave-for-our-descendant's-de-LIGHT . . .

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