



# PrismMaps

(a postcard project)

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*for Diane and the postcard poets  
for black pens and stained pinkies*

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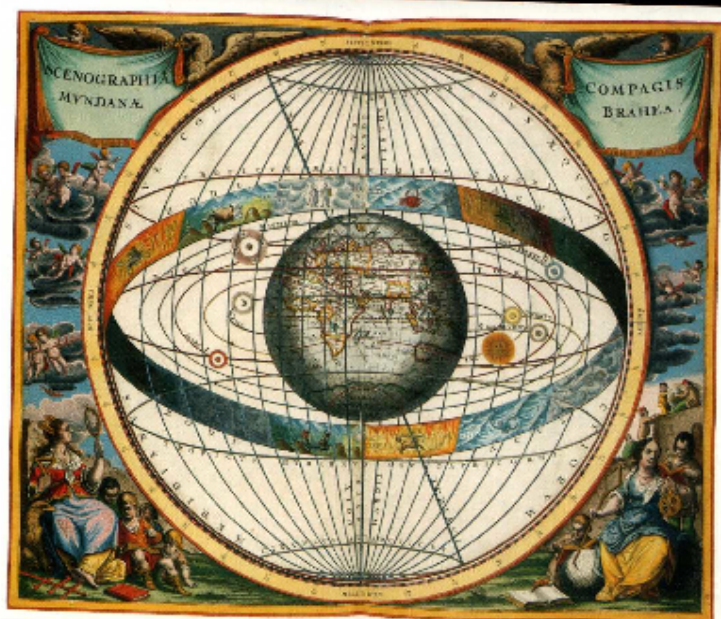
little stem  
resist parental tyranny  
their many skins slippery  
their many branches  
rotting, swelled  
little stem, little oblongata

little combat flower  
be strong in the overture  
in the wave crash  
too many shouting men  
be strong be bold

yes yes  
little feral  
moving  
into  
yes light  
the wolf  
the war



Asleep in the serpent semen  
An aquatic invertebrate  
That thing, that slippery  
An ancient phylum to be corrected  
Atavistic prism



Television      of the interior

Pixelated whistling    for blood

A      pathology,      a      tincture

The wind      a chapping      of vitals



Historicity changes in the

water body

The aurora call

The line in pieces

Gaps in the static

Botanica a hermetic

neutrino

Aurora born of glass



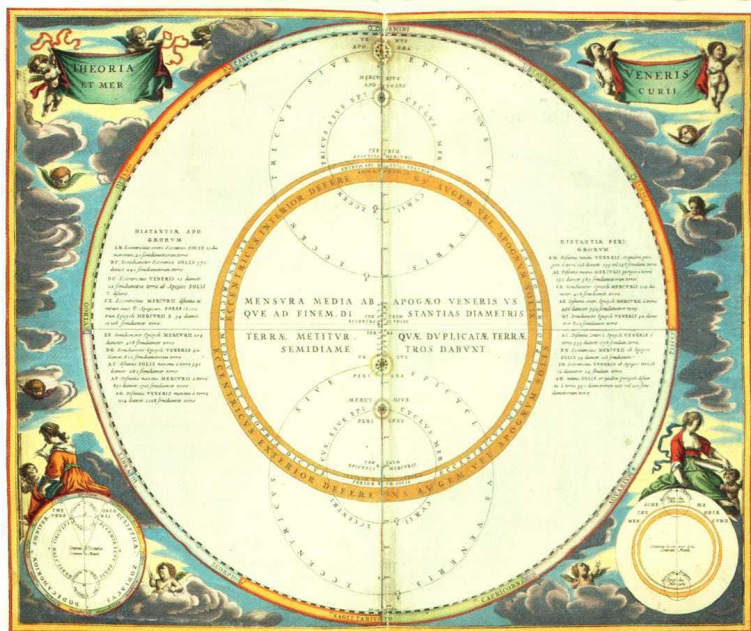
Carry them fair petals

The sky's a melt of exploded  
letters where the fur

Burns off to

Where the top hat  
Reveals its mustache

A pluck of paper dolls off the  
assembly



Working girls get the butter  
An inedible sea wall  
Echolocates the rasp  
Of insect ecology  
A clasp of the spiny-legged  
Mouths multitask  
The ultrasound  
A beam of genital strategies



Blush of the catapult

Hooves flail in the rhombus

Horse eyes bubble up  
(circumference)

It's a slither

Sacred hydra  
porifera

These spores sprouted sky  
our vascular map



Rooting wing of the Pegasus  
How we holding on breaks  
mis en scene  
The snowglobe smashed  
Reveals  
What Is  
All animals flailing in water



## Notes:

*little stem* first appeared in **Finery**.

These postcard poems were originally handwritten on postcards and individually mailed to a select group of participants engaged in an ongoing poetry postcard swap. They were selected to represent a much larger body of work-in-progress. If you're interested in swapping poetry postcards, email me at [melissa.eleftherion@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.eleftherion@gmail.com).

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