

Gravity II & Collisions

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Over the Town (Marc Chagall, 1914)

Gravity II

Absent gravity
We would float right off
This good, green Earth.
Thank heaven
And nature
And nature's God

(But I repeat myself)
For creating gravity
To hold our feet to the fire.

Collisions

Your head on my shoulder
Your breathing regular
You sleep untroubled
So untroubled I lie awake
Captivated by your warmth.
Outside I hear the silent neighborhood
Enveloped in stillness
To prolong this moment
I place my hand on your thigh
Surprisingly cool. Then it comes to me:
Mere hours from now
Under the risen sun
All sorts of people will collide.
Reluctantly I withdraw my hand
Ease out of bed
And start the percolator.

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