

An Endless Ocean of Objects

South Dakota's sky
could not contain the wonder
of this sixth-grade girl

one bleak snowy day
Miss Ronshaugen's class lit her
imagination

what is forever?
what's beyond those twinkling stars?
what shore could there be?

pure poetry: "An
Endless Ocean of Objects"
titled her report

life brought her children
and nursing's hard-won rewards
but still, she wonders



The title of Susan's sixth grade science report, written in Watertown, South Dakota, circa 1958.

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