

Palimpsest

boats lie at anchor,
palm fronds sway in morning breeze
this present moment

seas will rise and fall,
the landscape I view today
is a palimpsest

asteroids will strike,
ice ages, cataclysms span
geologic time

Earth will vaporize
as swelling sun consumes us
five billion years hence

as species evolve,
today's far future will be
their present moment



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