

Here & Now

The Ernies

the buzz of electric lamplight
from down on the sidewalk

you struggle, grasp your night-shirt and turn
but the universe doesn't say what you want it to say

the universe says, just what it says, when it says what it says but on the planet earth, spinning around its axis
revolving around the sun, revolving around the center

of the milky way galaxy in a supercluster of galaxies
will it ever be you and me here and now? your consoling hands in a gesture

well placed and throbbing
throbbing with the buzz of electric lamplight
from down on the sidewalk

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the universe says, just what it says, when it says what it says quanta, mesons, hadrons, photons, neutrons,
electrons and protons combining to form

atoms and molecules and compounds and cells, tissues and organs in a system of a being
on the planet earth, spinning around its axis, revolving around the sun, revolving around
the center of the milky way galaxy in a supercluster of galaxies will it ever be you and me here and now?

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