Everything Beautiful Is Far Away

Grandaddy

He just finished eating dinner And stepped outside the cave to smoke A cigarette he made from rolled up photo paper They were pictures of things back on earth He looked out on a grayish white expanse On uninhabited terrain he now called homeHe'd seen plenty of mirages and imaginary visitors Up until then, so he wasn't sure what to think when He saw swans and they were wading on the shores of a pale white lake That he'd never seen before And it was quite beautiful and it was far away 'Cause everything beautiful is far awayHe knew he was as good as gone Gone was somewhere he really didn't mind going to Since the shuttle had crashed many years had passed And the pictures of his loved ones That he drew on the walls of the cave had finally faded He put out his smoke and proceeded toward the lake repeating to himself Everything beautiful is far away

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