

N.E.O.

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N.E.O. Near Earth Object.

A solid body whose orbit lies within the orbit of Mars. Moons Asteroids. Meteorites. And human debris. You can see a meteorite almost any night.

Go out to the desert They are pieces of stars,

You might find a piece. Same as you and me They have travelled through space for thousands of years. Perhaps you will get lucky but you will never find a piece of Soyuz or Sputnik or Apollo 9

They are still out there They are very faint

And the pollution in earth's atmosphere washes out their pale light Floating without air, without light or else - charred on the re-entry They are still out there floating within the orbit of Mars. Look at it this way: a river of space, a ribbon of time like a burial by a bureaucrat under cover of a cold war risk. a cloud of dust - a cloud of rubble spinning in space on the heels of the Hubble parallel, or a temporal rip in the belly of the Cosmos a fossilized finger

somewhere in a hanger stored by the government, hidden from the press some young top gun's first solo turned out to be a N.E.O.

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