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The Finitude of Man

*I understand that matter can be changed
To energy; that maths can integrate
The complex quantum jumps that must relate
The fusion of the stars to history's page.
I understand that God in every age
Is Lord of all; that matter can't dictate;
That stars and quarks and all things intricate
Perform his word—including fool and sage.
 But knowing God is not to know like God;
 And science is a quest in infancy.
 Still more: transcendence took on flesh and blood:
 I do not understand how this can be.
The more my mind is stretched to understand,
The more it learns the finitude of man.
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