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## The Problem of Evil for George Melnyk

### I

That instrumental moment when  
    an off-duty soldier stepped on one of  
Mr. Blake's flowers  
and a cosmos unfolded itself  
with grace and smoke  
inside the seams of a poet's spying brain  
a fissure erupts in flames

### II

What baby replaces me with scrawny poems  
when I will be too dead to remember?  
My mother pretended we would never know  
the difference, then, she meant the lust  
after fame, or being overly concerned  
with immortality  
and afraid of ashes, thumbprints  
smudged onto foreheads

### III

It meant house arrest for Galileo I hear  
(heresy is a naughty word in this world too)  
Copernicus was wily enough to wait  
he prevaricated until, on his deathbed  
he ordered his findings published

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