Homing

for Marlene

The spermatozoön Had little to go on, Tunneling into the mist, But a faraway flavor To seek and to savor Of spices contrived for the tryst. Her chemical gradient, Welcoming, radiant, Summoned him to her embrace. Just as something between us, Some beacon of Venus, Has beckoned me here to this place Where you open for me, Receive me, adore me! How hither came I, who can tell? Like each nano-ancestor Who finding her blessed her, I've followed so blindly So well.

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