

# Poem found

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. . . And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst  
of the waters" and into the dome God put

the poor, the addicts, the blind and the oppressed.  
God put the unsightly sick and the crying young

into the dome and the dry land did not appear.  
And God allowed those who favored themselves

born in God's image to take dominion over  
the dome and everything that crept within it

and made them to walk to and fro above it  
in their jumbo planes and in their copy rooms

and in their conference halls. And then  
God brooded over the dome and its multitudes

and God saw God's own likeness in the shattered  
tiles and the sweltering heat and the polluted rain.

God saw everything and chose to make it very good.  
God held the dome up to the light

like an open locket and in every manner called  
the others to look inside and those who saw

rested on that day and those who didn't  
went to and fro and walked up and down

the marsh until the loosened silt gave way

to a void, and darkness covered the faces with deep sleep.