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BEYOND BELIEF

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A word—and water breathes,
trees surge with swallows.
Look, there in your fist:
a single globe atop
the barest stem, and tomorrow
dozens of dandelions startle
from cracks beyond the fence.

You are no different.
All it takes for oil to flow
is one empty flask.
Eve, when she held out
her thorny hand,
felt blossoms open.

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DO YOU THINK HUMANS WILL EVER WALK ON THE SUN?
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Some night when solar storms
throw off their feathers

we'll ascend through waxen clouds
and all their serenades.

Hang on a little longer, my dear.
This season may be dark but it's only

the sort of darkness
you'd find under the shadow

of a wing.

2. Inspired in part by the painting "The Heavens Declare . . . The Skies Proclaim" by Angela Lillico (www.angelalillico.com), which appears on the back cover of this issue of *MJTM*.