

Earth and Venus

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One is a delicate sprite of blue and grey
the other, an enchantress veiled in white
who men have sought to conquer

And while Earth promotes nurture and growth,
beneath her temperate, glowing exterior
Venus is unwelcoming, inhospitable

These neighbours in our solar system
are celestial twins, some have said
because of their similar size and mass

When microbes were discovered on Venus
scientists on Earth became excited
that once, she may also have supported life

Imagine, this source of a thousand myths,
the star of morning and evening,
was like our own world long ago

What of her people, if any
Practical beings, a bit like ourselves
or creatures we couldn't even begin to comprehend

Did they look to the skies, as we do
wondering about life over there?
Make plans to explore the world next door?

And then, when their climate turned hostile,
gradually consuming their world of two continents
did they seek to escape its destruction?

Questions to which we may never have an answer
But Earth sends Venus expensive gifts
Probes, in hope she'll one day reveal something of her past