

A PALEONTOLOGIST CONTEMPLATES TIME

Imagine our whole existence
& everything we've touched, heard, or seen
as a thin sediment layer
buried beneath a world
that's forgotten us completely

Imagine ozone-depleted, amber skies
with continents in weird shapes
& coastlines where **mountains** once swallowed
space

Finally
imagine the stars in places
no human eyes have seen
& all sandcastles of our civilization
scattered into thin layers of debris

What seems "real" and vivid today
in the twinkling of time
shall fade, fade, **fade . . .**

- T Newfields

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