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## OV-307 Icarus

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**For Chris**

**The mission was to escape.**

**They cheered when he burst free from Earth's atmosphere,  
wept with hope as he crested Venus,  
and begged for him to turn back at the periapsis of Mercury.  
The shuttle sparked like microwaved aluminum  
and our bold and adventurous moth of an astronaut roasted inside.**

**Mission accomplished.**

**FLIGHT OF ICARUS** Manu Satyan