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The oil slick black of space
Makes curious rainbows
And has an odd way of
Branding itself into the souls
Of marvelous storytellers
Who can't possibly grow old.

The captain loved his cat.
He let it traipse over the control console
As the pinprick stars swam by.
He relaxed within his chair
With his Melville and Steinbeck,
Bookmarked pages in Dickens,
And reflected upon
His years among the unbelievable.

He drummed his fingers
On a cover and said,
*"This is how we travel
Between universes.
If history never repeats itself,
Then we will all become
Ambassadors."*

A Visit to a Temple in Kyoto Salena Parker

