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Out of the cacophony of shoes clacking
She wants a moment alone...
The silence is wonderful. Her eyes welcome the image
Of blue streaks speckled with stars and soar across
The light brushstrokes of astrological arteries
Carrying lifeblood of turquoise and aquamarine.

She comes upon a horse galloping amid the stars and layers of paint,
His skeletal body rearing against a midnight sky.
And a rooster pecking at a litter of stardust
Scattered by the hunter. A mighty figure, his bow by his side;
No threat of daylight rising, dissipating their harmonic scene
Where time stands still.

These stars demand a second glance –
Falling upon what she had known as a spindled tree branch,
But now a hand reaching up to grasp at
Something it could never hold, the way a child
Will with her mother's face: inner constellations,
The mind gazing into consolation.