**Awakening**

What is this? It appears  
the sky can't hold itself together;  
the sun's bleeding red and the  
clouds are on fire---  
inferno everywhere.  
  
Cracks in the sky's blue  
reveal the black of space;  
through this I see the planets  
aligning, as the stars around them  
collapse into a collective nova.  
  
The moon absorbs the sun's blood  
like a celestial gauze.  
Back home, I look up and  
could swear I see a flock of pigs  
flying over the Ohio---  
  
and no one sees this but me;  
any who had would surely have thought  
that our world was ending,  
but I know the truth:  
It is but the beginning.  
  
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