# The Weight

**Arm's Length**

Slept with a constellation night light on
When I was a kid
So when I woke up
Fearing you were gone
I'd look up and it was insignificant
Since then I have expanded my orbit
To reaffirm my importance in the grand scheme

If I'm made up of molecules
They all pretend I have form
But I'm not sure
I've learned that I am matter
I don't want to matter no more
Don't got much meat on my bones
Not making it through the winter
But I've gotten so good
At hiding as I get thinner
Don't want to take up much space
So I get the best hiding place
How can you tell me I'm safe
If I am seen?

I am calling you my soulmate
Because that's what you are
I'm not thrilled about it either—
Must be written up in Starlink
Or in white dwarfs

If I was the center of gravity
It'd fall into place naturally
Of that I'm sure

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If I am seen?

In the water, I am lighter than everything
I'll take off my shirt
If you make all of the swimmers sink
Weaponize all my weight
Realize I'm not what I ate
Or there'd be nothing
To shame anymore. (Anymore)

I've seen the shape of my shadow
Shrink and expand over time—
But it proves that there's still light

Don't got much meat on my bones
Not making it through the winter
But I've gotten so good
At hiding as I get thinner
Don't want to take up much space
So I get the best hiding place
I'm safe

Where I will never escape

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Weaponize all my weight
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I've seen the shape of my shadow
Shrink and expand over time
It's tough to sink when it's shallow
But I'll pull it off if I try