

# Megan Simmermon Eclipse

Lidless Night  
Bare eyes gaze into Oblivion  
Ebony stretches boundless  
Engulfing infinity

Scorched stars  
Crackle and pulse  
As close vastness frames them  
Holding them tensely and contentedly

The ladle dips into blackness  
Its belly full of water  
It is pulled but never drawn  
Forever in darkness it sets

Elusive Night, the charmer  
Charming its Persephone  
With cold wispy arms and  
A cloak of silver jewels

The eyes fade unto gold  
Saturated shield of Morning  
Like water soaking into baked earth

Like the capricious eclipse  
The shield is cast aside  
And the glory of Night  
Returns afresh and terrible