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The Infinite Stops Between Our Fingers

in a down-

slanting shaft through the laundry room window
rectangle of mud-splashed glass near a stone basement ceiling

motes in the beam

seen
so differently Democritus Brown Brownian motion
mathematized—
in 1905
who made the connection
to photoelectrics
to blackbody radiation?
(that would be Einstein)

mote

seen
& *unseen* so differently—a quantum
entanglement field dot foam
at last
perhaps
gravity's quantum?

heard (for real) in 2015

gravity waves *sing*
ringing (*hringan!*) between our fingers

“that simple chirp,
which rose to the note of middle C before abruptly
stopping”

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