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Since time is a dense substance impossible to alter

I like to spend time in the past

participate in all events as a bystander
detached by years
of action and reaction

I love the care-free travel through time's
layered complexity
being of neither here nor there

nowhere and everywhere at once

a bird in flight
fluttering butterfly
miraculous apparition as insubstantial as a hologram

The pyramids of Giza witnessed
my breath on stones blowing away the dust
from old inscriptions

Worshippers saw me peeking behind
the temple columns
as the *cohen* performed the rites

I flowed like a mirage above the bodies piling high
on Venice' Island of the Dead
during the plague

Present when Napier discovered his *calculating bones*,
and there when Newton
let the sunspots in his vision guide him

towards a theory of color

This flight into the heart of history
is light
lighter than here and now

Note: John Napier (1550–1617), the Scottish land owner and mathematician who invented logarithms and used them to aid calculations, also constructed a manual calculating device called *Napier's Bones*. British mathematician, astronomer and physicist, Isaac Newton (1643–1727), is considered to be one of the most influential scientists of all time. Among his monumental achievements is the development of a theory of color.

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