

The vast Milky Way

It wasn't such a cosmic giant
spans about 100,000 light-years
contains anywhere between
100 billion and 400 billion stars
the distance that light travels in one year
it is about 5.88 trillion miles (9.46 trillion kilometers)
starting about 12 billion years ago
by merging with a multitude of dwarf galaxies
now zeroed in on a cluster of metal-lacking stars
oddly close to the galactic disk
comprised of hydrogen and helium

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It grew over time enriched future generations of stars

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The old puzzle of dark

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Note : *I counted today in 9 hours more than 1.9 billion stars
and three images of the Milky Way ... out of my way...*