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Even Manhattan Island will one day crumble and fall into the sea  
re-emerging only when the oceans boil  
and the earth is consumed.

The stars race farther and farther in every direction – stretched, stretching  
one day they will be alone in the void  
and be extinguished  
like candles in an abbey.

And thinking life – if there is such a thing – will one day be a product of happenstance  
blinking into existence at the whim of colliding particles  
remembering itself  
and vanishing.

Nothing persists forever.  
Least of all something as fleeting, as transient as ambition.

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