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# The Gravity of a Life *Elizabeth Ponds*

I've got my ambitions, but I need the gravity of a situation.  
I'm situated in the dead zone.  
It's the Zone of Avoidance where telescopes will not discover me –  
A lone planet sustaining life.

I've got a constellation, but I need the glitter of the Milky Way.  
I'm waylaid by the weak force;  
It's the force of our natures pushing and pulling without relief –  
A dozen fixed orbital patterns.

I need to  
b r e a k                      away.

No, I don't need to be Kelly Clarkson.  
I need the gravity of a life  
That drags me off my orbital plane to careen into a fiery wormhole.

I need out of this inner space  
That pulls me in my circles on the way to nowhere but here.  
I need the gravity of a life  
That takes me through hyperspace to a zone of endurance.

This      emp                      ty      floating can fuck off into the void.