

Universe Below

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A world of rigid rules
and weightless freedom
where angles dance in pairs
and light is softened to blue with strident reds subdued

Where tanks of steel
hoses of rubber and skintight neoprene,
clumsy above
Translate into freedom and ease

Where turtles race gracefully
lumbering giants pirouette and sing
and clowns, surgeons, pipes
and trunks live in harmony

Where danger comes swift and deadly
to those un-diligent or careless
right behind wonder
and even the death bringer has stark beauty and grace

Where you float in dancing sun beams
no earthly tethers binding
free to drift and watch the smallest perfect bit
or dance with leviathans or jesters called lions

Creatures strange float free

medusas caper with men-of-war
arms of eight reach to encircle prey
and skeletons are worn outside to protect sweet meat