The Other Side of the Moon Christian James Terry Taylor'22

Have you ever gone outside at night? Then find that it was bright as day? Where evergreens stand engulfed in white Your eyesight processes fingers Straight lines, purposely designed Everything in focus You are focal Accurate... Precise

Perhaps a full moon mirrors sunlight Homogenous energy, heterogenous type No matter the season everything is ripe livin' exactly what God decided to write Every battle, struggle, fight Ends in your delight Come Devil or God hell or heaven The plan is consistent Foundation firm Never cast asunder But I wonder

What happens on the other side of the moon? When desperation becomes your boon? light flees from the night Nothingness suffocates the orange in the sky Consistency concedes to Opposition Precision loses to dispersion life forfeits to death giving hope as compensation What's being alive when living cannot be your occupation?

> Pleads clash against deaf ears Screams produce fantasies about being seen Yet, their dreams transformed into terrors

They mourned lives defined by errors

Their trauma metaphorized into artistic muse Their blues gave others music to listen to your short fuse, cues of insanity Someone deposed to profanity Gave doctors a job to do nobody cares For the people who they sought to be What's a foundation bound to another's destiny?

So come outside, speak to someone Listen don't hear Walk in their shoes Since you never know what one carries or buries On the other side of the moon