

*We are creatures*

*of constant awe*



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00:00:00,907 --> 00:00:04,290  
- [U.S. Poet Laureate Ada  
Limón] "In Praise of Mystery:

2  
00:00:04,290 --> 00:00:06,243  
A Poem for Europa."

3  
00:00:07,890 --> 00:00:10,950  
Arching under the night sky.

4  
00:00:10,950 --> 00:00:14,160  
inky with black expansiveness,

5  
00:00:14,160 --> 00:00:17,520  
we point to the planets we know.

6  
00:00:17,520 --> 00:00:21,390  
we pin quick wishes on stars.

7  
00:00:21,390 --> 00:00:23,619  
From earth, we read the sky

8  
00:00:23,619 --> 00:00:28,619  
as if it is an unerring  
book of the universe,

9  
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:31,530  
expert and evident.

10  
00:00:31,530 --> 00:00:36,000  
Still, there are mysteries below our sky:

11  
00:00:36,000 --> 00:00:37,950  
The whale song,

12  
00:00:37,950 --> 00:00:40,500  
the songbird singing its call

13

00:00:40,500 --> 00:00:43,710

in the bow of a wind shaken tree.

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00:00:43,710 --> 00:00:47,910

We are creatures of constant awe,

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00:00:47,910 --> 00:00:49,800

curious at beauty,

16

00:00:49,800 --> 00:00:51,810

at leaf and blossom,

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00:00:51,810 --> 00:00:53,880

at grief and pleasure,

18

00:00:53,880 --> 00:00:56,040

sun and shadow.

19

00:00:56,040 --> 00:01:00,420

And it is not darkness that unites us,

20

00:01:00,420 --> 00:01:03,630

not the cold distance of space,

21

00:01:03,630 --> 00:01:06,630

but the offering of water,

22

00:01:06,630 --> 00:01:09,930

each drop of rain, each rivulet,

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00:01:09,930 --> 00:01:12,420

each pulse, each vein.

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00:01:12,420 --> 00:01:14,760

O second moon,

25

00:01:14,760 --> 00:01:18,330

we, too are made of water,

26

00:01:18,330 --> 00:01:20,461  
of vast and beckoning seas.

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00:01:20,461 --> 00:01:24,450  
We, too, are made of wonders,

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00:01:24,450 --> 00:01:27,420  
of great and ordinary loves,