

Celestate

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I am celestate, which means
I am only intimate
With the stars themselves,
And allow only the cosmos
To see me at my most
Nude. So I bare myself
To the universe, praying
That these grand galaxies
Uncover no blemishes in me
And may instead recognize
Themselves;

Yes, we recall those atoms,
I hear the moons sigh in a
Soft nostalgic exhale.

And what a beautiful repurposing.