

Sonnet for a Total Solar Eclipse

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Eternal cosmic carousel pauses

four minutes for tiny Fredericton.

Astronomers and curious others

read digital displays and transmissions

concerning gravity wave behaviour,

or enjoy altered cricket concertos.

Artificial evening artists savour

chance to conjure corona on canvas.

Kids peer through pinpricks at celestial dance.

Abandon them heedless of parents' cries.

Our headstrong youth care not for consequence.

Don't look up, children, you'll burn out your eyes!

Life doesn't witness many eclipses.

Orbits continue just like ellipses.