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The Flammarion Engraving

Helios' quizzical
trestlework-wheels
wend sidereal,
complementary
with a halved melon.

Huffs of sky chalk
rush in strata
alabaster, star or-
bits latticed
with raster.

How a silhou-
ette etched
middles
two moon-
cusps—

overhead heaven
dusks. Aflush
cometary wastes,
passings fenestrate
whisk his crest;

thirsting, will
icicles clutch
where earth
and out touch.