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Who lifted up the Gods Or the God to be So high above us? So high we could Never ever reach them, even when we reached for them, even when we fall?

So high and distant Regardless our desire deserves Reserve how hard we try Our prayers appeals depend To bridge the gap on them Looking down to hear us see us Seize us out of this world abundant Of human and other Persons unheard?

Not wishing to tread upon Deity deigning generosity We hesitate To call upon Distant Gods or God Fearing this is not

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The time we really really need To turn to them: look up! To ask their help: bend knees! Fear they will turn us down With 'No!' unexplained Or worse, more likely Stay silent, perhaps Never having noticed What to us at this small hour Seems our gravest need, When they, knowing later will Take all their strength and Purpose added onto ours On our behalf to prevail...

Or, indeed, that such a time Has long already passed