

Ode To A Hidden Sea

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and following the same guidelines given to Ms. Limón.*

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Far beyond where sunlight fades,
past stars that sing in distant shades,
we seek the place where waters hide,
beneath a frozen, moonlit tide.

A hidden sea in moonlight cold,
what secrets do your waters hold?
What stories do your oceans keep,
in silent dreams, in waters deep?

Will we find, in shadowed seas,
a trace of life, a breath, a breeze?
In liquid dark, in icy hold,
a universe of tales untold.

We journey forth, our courage bound
to glimpse the worlds that spin around.
With ships we send, and tools we build,
we come in peace, with wonder filled.

The hands of many shaped this quest,
to learn, to seek, to do our best.
To sail through night, to touch, to know,
the life you keep, the life you grow.

You pull us close, though far you spin,
to seek, to dream, to dive within.
A frozen moon in Jupiter's embrace,
Europa, you beckon the human race.