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### I AM PULSAR

I am burning  
a white dwarf developing  
a star coming into being  
I was born billions of years ago  
came through the grandmothers

I am a lonely heavenly body  
on a light path unknown to itself  
before I was a star I was dust  
always in flux  
I spin and spin and spin  
then I disappear  
sometimes I go dark  
even though I'm lightyears away  
I still exist in gravitational waves  
it took me billions of years to become this star

I used to think I was a star from the suburbs  
turns out I'm older than time  
a star born through giant red  
a mother's light

I thought I was an average star  
turns out I'm at the end  
light expelling its outer material  
creating planetary nebula  
becoming hot core remains

I am a disappearing star  
only visible to those  
who can see light dim

I am becoming the dust of stars  
once a star of the land  
named after a quasar  
one of the many lights  
who don't belong in a black hole

I am a dense star  
a star older than time

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