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### **Falling Star**

Sometimes, looking up just  
 In time to catch a falling star,  
 I'd worry that it is some planet,  
 One with friendly gases,  
 One with people in it, with houses  
 And nice furniture, small children  
 And their pets, hurtling toward  
 Its fiery doom. And while this planet  
 Slipped out of control  
 In the empty sky, I'd wonder  
 How soon we might share its fate,  
 With its late skills in French  
 Or basketball or with its vain loves  
 Or losses. But yet, this plagues me  
 Most of all: would anyone even  
 Bother to catch our own brief apparition  
 Of dust, forgotten—soon gone—  
 And falling across no one else's sky?

VICTOR PEÑARANDA

### **Davis Church**

I strolled to Panglao Island one morning years ago,  
 When lanterns of fishers still shone far out at sea,  
 And ended up lost in thought near old Davis Church  
 Wondering if it was wise to enter without favor,  
 To worship its cumulus ceiling of illuminated tales.

I recalled swallows gliding through its open doorways  
 Threading eye of my heart with mystifying secrets: