

## **All My Muses**

Those near and those far away ever in  
my thoughts and fervent prayers. A string

of pearls, smooth to the touch, as the  
litany continues, flashing and shining

through me mornings or evenings. Close  
by in these tall pines, in the epicenter,

on an archipelago, beside a beloved sea,  
nestled on a bay. I think of Castalia once

more, of future times when open roads  
and calm seas connect us once again.

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