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Dancing around the event horizon
are the threading remnant energies
excavated by the pulse of supernovae—
mosaics of filaments tossed up
cosmic rays ejected
moving along
magnetic lines;
superheated coronal gasses
driven by windy outbursts
arising from shock waves
sweeping up dust
millions of years old
like poems and war
and affairs of love
astronomers
stare endlessly
at the radio images
to make them out:
The Snake, The Mouse,
The Pelican, The Harp,
The Christmas Tree
The Bubbles—
Northern Bubble,
Southern Bubble,
Arc Bubble—
the best they can do.

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