**The Distant Bodies**

The Distant Bodies is a zine made by Glasgow Women’s Library’s Summer 2019 Create and Connect group. Each piece is a found poem created in response to a page titled ‘The Universe and Solar System’ from the 1966 edition of *The Girl’s Handbook,* held in the Glasgow Women’s Library archives.

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No one knows the Universe

even though it reaches out for 1,000 million light-years.

Stars refer to light-years at a speed of 186,000 miles per second.

The Moon only reaches the thousand most photographed distant bodies;

while the minor sun rotates on the Earth and travels to Andromeda.

And the Universe... knows everyone.

**Anita Jeyam**

Light years.

The light of the Moon.

The light of the Sun.

The Galaxy,

Andromeda Nebula.

Parsec.

Planets.

Asteroids orbit the Sun.

The Earth takes

One complete day to

Turn a full circle.

**Louise Terry**

**(In)Finity**

1,000 million light years   
Millions of galaxies   
Formed from millions of stars   
Impossible distances   
Distant bodies

One Earth.

**Amy Fairbairn**

**The Length of Time**

No one knows the visible

1,000 million light years away

distant bodies

revolving around one of the stars,

Light travels

186,000 miles per second

impossible to talk of,

another unit of distance

the earth rotates on its own axis,

light years away from us

millions of galaxies

in orbit around the centre.

**Laura Lodahl**

**Distant Bodies**

We, the nearest

yet most distant bodies

in our own galaxy

astronomical distances

reach out away from us

impossible to talk at all

we are just another star

in the distance

No one knows how

nor even if we belong,

each one of us a planet

complete on its own

**Abi Hayes**

**Penetrate the Galaxy**

No one knows how far it takes to reach our own stars

Yet we travel, revolve and rotate

Until we reach the distant bodies

**Jinling**

**Universe**

How large the Universe!

Limitless, impenetrable;

only starlight.

Galaxies, asteroids and nebulae,

impossible to count,

yet in the centre,

the Sun,

reaching out,

visible.

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**Complete Day**

The light of the Moon,

The light of the Sun,

The most distant bodies–

Of which the Earth is One.

Each galaxy is formed,

Two million light years away.

The length of time–

Impossible to talk of,

In one Complete Day.

**Victoria McIntyre**