

THE WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

With this new way of seeing the universe
back 13 billion years dead galaxies

ghost light what was/is long gone: stars,
vast star systems which had lit colors human eyes

have never seen. By fired unknown elements
not on our Periodic Table. We see the cosmic past

in the present, and what our Milky Way's future
will be. All at once. In one photo that looks like

a bottomless, transparent jar of brightly-colored,
lopsided jelly beans. All from a telescope picturing

what was from where there is no air, no atmosphere
to blur the *veritas* of its images. And nothing we see

is there anymore but is still ghost-lit by its recently arrived
light backdropped by the blackness of infinity, the nothingness

out of which everything came and comes (just as the late visual
artist Aldo Tambellini knew and painted). Including the binary star

system long since seen by the Dogon People of Mali, "Technicians
of The Sacred," who saw and see, knew and know -- without

a telescope -- Sirius B's 50 year elliptical orbit around Sirius A,
via time travel, not unlike Sun Ra's, on links of the interconnected

"web of existence of which we are a part."