

EX NIHILO

“Created *out of nothing*,”
wrote the sages, long since dead,
whose faith was in a Maker.
But that’s not what textbooks said.

They called it “superstition,”
chiding poets, priests and kings.
“Believe the voice of Science
for the facts about these things!”

While preaching, “All is matter,
not created nor destroyed,”
they wove convincing logic
into sermons they employed.

But then, when astro-physics
had discovered “the Big Bang,”
it made a myth of theories
that the science chorus sang.

This sound of “*ex nihilo*”
must be grating on the ears
of scientists who mocked it
with such certainty and jeers.

With tables turned and pointed
at the wisdom of the past,
will modern scholars wonder,
“Is a Who behind that Blast?”

— *David L. Hatton, 11/5/2016*