PLANCK WAS A GOOD MAN

One cool night, Selfishness

pulled the blanket to his side.

Reason felt ire in her letters;

clearly Love had fled the coop.

A century ago, honest Max

Planck followed the black

body radiation law to its in-

eluctable quantum source.

And Einstein’s close gander

at light in, an electron out

of a metal, made us all be-

lievers, hypothesis a fact.

Well, I’ll tell you this about

that: Planck then spent years

fishing for a way around

the quantum he had wrought.

And Einstein, much appalled

at Danish ways with waves,

out for help in all quarters,

even made God no gambler.

Here, Selfishness, Reason,

and Love huddle daylong

in an astonishingly empty

space, desperate for signs.