

Quarto for L.—

such a small thing brought us together
a shared delight a galaxy an opening salvo
the connection between us blooming
and we are so different except when we
delight in our shared joy we remember
the power held in such a transient thing
and we live our different lives
cross oceans and land find a new shape
a self that opens to the world
waiting for you to enter it making
every day become better than yesterday
how miraculous we still share this

the fact that we're still friends
is exceptional after all these years
you might expect our fondness to fade
beings drifting apart is inevitable
yet you are still here together with me
in this life we learn the more we
grow how is it that we confront and
vanquish it each time knowing more about
each other seems like magic or
force beyond our understanding
it seems we're always learning more

rebels never give up
Star Wars taught us this
differences are to be celebrated
listen to the world singing
feelings must not rule you
hope the fuel of light and life
study art spit fire take leaps
of faith find a family discover
there will always be good in
you this world trust you can win
realize surviving is possible
recognize each other as kin

witness Luke Leia Han our bright trio
incredible they still shine with triumph
as they mature and age into new
people face new challenges new choices
the bond endures this almost-pact
fight a shared enemy keep room to
finish what was started or leave it
trusting in good always holding
what we're always learning to use the
skills we carry without realizing
this knowledge is what they gave us