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To Greg and Joan Benford. Sometimes I think that you're the most interesting people we know. Then I always take two aspirin and lie down. But the thought persists.

The wailing of the newborn infant is mingled with the dirge for the dead.

-LUCRETIUS

I'm not afraid to die.
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