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to be true  
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to name them as he saw them  
at rest or in motion

and because of integrity  
to be named heretic  
for revealing God's truth  
Now we know Galileo was right –

too late to honor him alive –  
but on this blooming June day  
please thank him for the knowledge  
that though the earth is

constantly rotating on its axis  
around the sun this orange lily

wondrously  
stands tall and still.