

Astrophysicists are projecting, for the furthest future
of the universe, a state called the *dark era*.

This is the idea that

in some immense future the

universe will have expanded
to the point that every

distance is infinite.

Galaxies and star systems

and suns

and their planets

and even black

holes

resulting from the death

of those suns

will all have evaporated.

The universe will be

merely a long void,

bereft

of all but
a few

random

photons

positrons
electrons

neutrinos

flying

through the vast void

never

encountering

each

other.

This dark era,

this long void,

without

sound,

without

light,

this

long silence,

buries

all

you've ever

been.