"The Us Within Us"

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Everything around us was once something else; and before that something else, not like us.

Tiny atoms creating ... all
that we see. But, this star dust,
it's not quite that simple:
"The universe is made of stories,
not atoms."-according to poet Muriel Ruykeyser.

I agree. Energy is--after all--conserved and ... every atom, has a story or two one for me & one for you.

Most likely
entangled. "Spooky"
Existing outside of time, unrelative,
in all places, times;
and of all things. The gall!

All of our tiny selves, dancing together on Universe's multidimensional stage: without death; without bias; without pain. only the music of atomic symphony--Setting past present and future, simultaneously ablaze.