Arnold diffusion

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Slow chaos,
chain of good-bye embraces
among exchanging dancers
unwilling to depart.

Oases of quiet
are sprinkled in the pockets,
vent of assurance that
stable motion thrives.

The asteroids play the game.
Ousted by resonance,
some have retreated,
carving Kirkwood gaps behind.
Others will spin along the tori,
until the Sun burns their breath.

Only a few will slide on whiskers
to fade, eventually, into the dark,
shy and uneasy,
like unspoken afterthoughts.