

PROGRESS HAS PLACED

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Progress has placed footprints upon
the pristine powdered surface of
the moon but left it littered with debris.
Discarded lunar modules and rovers;
fragments of spent rocket boosters;
even golf balls, cremated ashes
and the human waste its polluters
left behind, debase the place. But,
from earth, when the moon sensually
rises out of the sea and soars, suspended
among the clouds, bright and ethereal
against the cold, dark void beyond,
despite holding decreasing scientific mystery,
it still remains an object of beauty.