“Sputnik soared with what seemed to me inexorable and dangerous purpose, as if there were no power in the universe that could stop it”

(Hickam 23) , , . . “ “ “ “ , , . . “ “ “ “

In *Rocket Boys*

As Sonny writes in his story

As Sonny writes

The author writes

According to the author

According to Sonny

The Soviet satellite

and no power in the world, not even the United States, could stop it

Sputnik soared overhead, broadcasting power and danger

Sputnik flew over our heads

as though it knew those of us on earth couldn’t stop it

and it laughed at us on the ground, standing by our tiny coal mine and surrounded by our tiny dreams

and I knew I wanted to be a part of the new world it had opened

Sputnik showed us we were vulnerable