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the Nine Sentiments
of aesthetic experience

Disgust and Horror
unaroused by music

leave the Seven Pitches
of a sonic palette,

Tonic and Dominant
subsumed in the swarming drone

leaving the Five Elements
that compose the universe.

Space is the canvas,
Water, Air, Fire and Earth the colors
for the painting of the world.

A rainbow ether
that colors the mind,

the requisite five notes
to sing the Raga of the Universe.