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The 27th of January

was when you started floating towards

the moon, and like the child I was, I could not seem to
latch onto you. A balloon that had grown attached to me
had reached the end of its journey and began to defy gravity.

Soaring indefinitely – high up into the dimming oblivion.

Far out of sight, leaving into a place of paradise – Elysium.

There was absolute silence except for a sudden deafening pop!

A noise that served as a queue that you were never again
going to drop. That's when I realized the only reason
you had floated away was

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