

Fireflies

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Some insights come like lightning—
blinding and fierce—while others arrive
as firefly-flashes that brighten only
an inch or so of air around them.
Yet even these can gather power
over time, like the summer night
I woke and stood at the window
to watch all that pulsing outside—
like thousands of prayers flaring up
above the houses, saying *here*
and *here* and *here*, as I made my way
down the stairs using only the light
of those small bodies to guide me.