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**Stars**

by Fredrick Zydek

Open the windows!  
Let the stars blow in.  
Deep is calling deep.  
I want to unlock the magic  
waiting in their distant lights.

I love watching them bloom  
in the night like celestial  
chrysanthemums and neon  
hydrangeas of the solar sky.  
Some night I watch

until my legs go numb.  
The stars fire up one by one.  
I go among them seeking  
time and remedy. Someday,  
when I'm mad with old age,

just a drying piece of leather  
tightening in the sun,  
they'll find me munching salad  
and drinking celestial teas  
in the darkness between them.