

## 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.