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A Bright Eye in the eastern sky
suspended in a nightly wink
changed the course of restless kings
by staying open, refusing to blink,
until they found the scene they sought
and craved. They'd left behind their things
and traveled light, in the cold and dark.
It showed which way to go and which way, not.

These stars leave me unsatisfied:
I keep on scanning for a spark
of such a brighter quality
to serve as beacon, flare, and guide
beyond the sequined galaxy.
You note the glimmers in my eyes:
They're only mirrors of the sky's
which gather dust and blink and wink
to be rinsed like suds in a vast black sink
but cannot take me anywhere
I crave to go—although I think
I'm happy, still and all, that they are there.

-James B. Nicola
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