

Small Gifts

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Statement of Inspiration

Small Gifts was inspired by how I feel quite often on winter nights. This is a recreation of the time it started snowing on a walk home in December; on that night, I looked up at the black sky.

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I walk home on a quiet winter night.
My neighborhood illuminated
by the soft glow of streetlights
in a cold flurry — thick flakes resting
on my jacket for a second before melting
away. The world hums
in the space above me.

Today,
I lie in the garden
beside the white lilies I grew for you. Tomorrow,
I will hold them up to the heavens
in the clear spring sky
and watch each one lift
from my hands.