

The Infinite Shining Heavens

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Rose, and I saw in the night
Uncountable angel stars
Showering sorrow and light.

I saw them distant as heaven,
Dumb and shining and dead,
And the idle stars of the night
Were dearer to me than bread.

Night after night in my sorrow
The stars stood (looked) over the sea,
Till lo! I looked in the dusk
And a star had come down to me.

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