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Life Springs

The fireflies are back!
And life springs magical,
beguiling eyes, sparking fancy

capricious night setting children to whirl,
fingertips and fairylands aglow,
voices winging toward mimicking stars—

loom of skyscraper
and tomorrow's ordinariness
by pyrotechnic play gainsaid

time suspending,
the moon on hold overhead,
sirens silent in their stalls

until finally the spell turns
dizzied minds bedward to dreams
winking their summery code:

Take delight!
Tomorrow stirs anew
at joy's liberating spark.