

To a Firefly

**With blinding brilliance
you scar the sky
my brother firefly.**

**With artless grace
you trace your course
across the sky.**

**Dark gloom lights up with joy
as arching,
you dart by.**

**But sudden, the mystery descends
and lost from sight,
I sigh.**

**Where did you go
those moments darkness stole you
from my eye?**

**Was it heaven or hell
or other world
did draw you nigh?**

**God's mystery you are —
I dare not penetrate;
But gaze I will in wonder
at your earthless light that shatters night**

**But then is swallowed by
some love, perhaps?
dear brother firefly.**

-- Brother John

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