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How can I begin to understand  
and speak of the human  
significance of the aberration  
of starlight, tonight  
when there are no visible stars.  
I think, instead, of the giraffes  
standing in their tall closets  
in the dark, and the hummingbird  
with furiously beating wings  
under the frosted skylight  
above the unsleeping heads  
of the giraffes, and the man  
in uniform lighting  
a cigarette, locking the doors.