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TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE, WHO SEE THE SAME STARS

Lake Michigan
lies flat in the dark
a black pool wide as a prairie.
The sky stands perpendicular
over the water’s body.
Its tall onyx multiplies
the harbor lights
into a millennium of seeing
the clockless house of the hunter
the queen in her jeweled chair
the two bears eating
drinking, pouring
the everlasting cup.