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*In the half-light of my hearth fire
I look up through my dormer to the night—
And see the balsam rafters of my loft reflected,
Like a firm structure for the frail sky;
And I see, this side of them, the stars—
The Big Bear and the Pole-star,
Swung like little lanterns from my rafters.*

*That house is not too small, I think, nor ill-conceived
That shelters him who built it and roofs in
A few stars like the Pleiades.*