

# Michael Keshigian

## In The Stars

They suspend  
like handfuls of confetti  
thrown from the windows  
that surround Times Square  
on New Year's Eve,  
clusters that never seem to move,  
just shocking the sky  
when they suddenly appear.  
Like dazed fireflies,  
they twist in darkness  
and blink  
when their momentum abates  
so we might glance  
a fading streak  
before their lights go out,  
which is why  
we lean against buildings  
and always look up,  
why we sneak a peek  
through the moon roof  
when traffic stalls our progress,  
why the affluent  
and the homeless stare at the sky,  
because solace and hope  
line the dark ceiling  
and the lamps  
that bring the night to life,  
hide answers to the dreams  
that evaporate on our pillows.

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