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Desire is a fierce trait.

While I slept under the sky,
trusting the stars as my nightlight,
others would sleep in a warm toasty bed
with a soft wool blanket.

Never once did I question
why I did not own
what others seemed to *need*.

Looking back, I was lucky.

I learned a lesson early on.
No matter where I went,
or how old I became,
I would always have the stars.

No one could steal them.
No one could break or harm them.
They were mine to keep.

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I was pitied my whole life,
though I was *proud* of the way I lived.

Through my eyes it is not I
who should be ashamed,
For I never asked for more.

With the choice to start over again,
I would change nothing.