

# WE ARE MADE OF STARS

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we are made of stars  
i whisper to the night skies  
before i ever was, part of me lived in you  
you traveled in a stellar explosion  
and found your way to me  
so i could sing with your brilliance  
and dance across galaxies of time and space  
and so the cosmos lives within me  
and you

we have traveled this way before  
intricate patterns that connect  
everything

we sail across the same seas  
journeyers, adventurers, too bright  
to fear the dark  
we are made of stars  
and shine from within

and yet some insist stars are just hot gas  
or elements too light to matter  
but i know that you are made  
of greater things  
you burn at your core with passion and creativity  
you die and are reborn across the universe  
and in our hearts  
our mutual gravity binds us together  
forever  
in responsibility

we are your children

we can light the darkness  
and in the worst of times  
we can be the path to freedom

we are made of stars  
and because of that, we can say  
we have been here since the birth of the universe  
we have witnessed all of history  
and the star stuff within us  
reminds us to breathe deeply  
to illuminate the shadow of night  
to dance across constellations  
of hope and possibility  
to create maybe something beautiful  
to shine  
to live  
to bear witness  
to be courageous  
to remember  
that among our billions  
no two of us are alike  
we are unique, singular, extraordinary, immense

imagine  
in the history of the cosmos that was and that will be  
there will never be another you, another me  
and yet, you and all of us, we share a dna  
we are a way for the cosmos to know itself  
we are each of us a little universe  
and so by definition, we are magnificent

tonight  
here  
I will step outside  
look toward the night blue sky

perhaps  
you  
there  
will also look at the canvas above your head

and we will see ourselves  
and all the other wes  
we could ever imagine  
and know  
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no wall on this planet  
no territory in this universe  
can dim our brilliance  
or limit the expanse of our reach  
no matter where we choose to shine  
no other can make us illegal or alien

we belong to this universe  
and this universe belongs to us

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