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Past two in the morning on a lonely weekday night,
It's quiet for once!
The stars are very lovely.
Light me a cigarette
And let's take in everything.

The bright gleam of streetlights through the trees,
Suck in a nice warm dose of lung cancer,
Let a deep foggy breath out
To watch the glowing aura beams spray out just before our eyes
—it's really pretty and
with the naked eye
you can't see them for the leaves—
Look at them dancing in the air,
They're so happy to be seen, noticed, admired.

It's a wonderful life
Even if you don't smoke.

[*Mai-Anh Tran*]