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## Tonight a Streetlight

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**From:** Daisy Decoster <ddecoster@richmond.edu>  
**Subject:** tonight a streetlight  
**Sent:** February 19, 2000, 4:06 pm  
**To:** Messenger <messenger@richmond.edu>  
**Cc:** Zinc Design <etownsend@zincdesign.com>

*nightlight, nightlife  
reveals absence, brick upon brick  
from the perched bulb this device omits its veil  
keeping her from my sight*

*streetlights turn on at night  
and the moon?  
Some shape, some degree of bright  
unclear beyond the pompous fixtured globe*

*and the blind policeman pronounces his glare  
stationed to deter assault, rape, miscellaneous derelict activity  
and he is tall  
a patchwork design for what originates from human minds  
minds like moons obscured in this light*

*we love in circles  
we touch in curves  
full spheres, cautious crescent swerves  
those illuminated maples do from green to brown to bare  
and back like bodies  
revealed here in the artificial haze  
rounded shapes like hills and huts  
globes and spheres  
but bricks and mortar  
right angle upon right angle  
still unchanging streetlight*

*I can't feel my circle  
can't see the moon this night*



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