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For the first time made visible,  
fungus-gnats on the roof of a cave  
remote as myth. And, yes, Arachne  
came to mind the night we viewed  
those mites, and their downhang  
of shining. Heads were spinning  
thread after thread while abdomens  
delivered a white day-glo in the dark.  
We saw the gorgeous structure of a trap  
moths are drawn to, a veil of lights.

We can see anything we have a mind to.  
Do moth-eyes see the beauty of the kill?  
Are they equipped for that transforming vision  
which shifts in tiny valves give rise to?  
I like to think that different kinds of death  
are possible, that bioluminescence grants  
“the brightness of the spirit of the Lord”,  
at least, a consciousness of ravishment,  
to creatures that can’t help themselves,  
helpless for light.

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