

# My "What If" Planet



On clear nights, I stare at the stars.  
My Space Facts book says they are suns,  
some a thousand times bigger than ours,  
some with planets orbiting them.

And what if one of those planets is  
just the right distance from its sun?  
Not too cold and not too hot,  
its surface might be fine to live on.

It could be springy, so things bounce  
and hover – shimmering – everywhere.  
Feathery things might flick and pounce  
as if to catch and eat the air.

Water could float in silent bubbles.  
Those purple wobbles might be trees –  
or maybe groves of giant eyeballs  
staring back at our sun ... and me!

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