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Other Signs

You may imagine
At least a thousand
Magical words

A great shower of shining
Like a bird in the air
Under an enchantment

The eyes of the stars
Full of quicksilver
Out into the world.

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ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

“Other Signs” is crafted from *The Blue Fairy Book* (1889) by Andrew Lang. About the poem and her process of composition Deborah says:

For “Other Signs” I started by compiling a selection of words and phrases from Andrew Lang’s *Blue Fairy Book*. From this list I selected a few phrases as candidates for potential titles. Working with one potential title at a time I then began pairing and combining phrases to create meaningful context. The process included multiple revisions and often resulted in the final selection of a title that differed from the original used as a starting point.

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