

Why the World's Fireflies Are Being Counted

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We got Bob Dylan on the wall
wriggling from the lack of music
and light among the spheres

A great doubt has been raised
and can be seen from far, far away
for they are even afraid now in heaven
that things can't be going right

and to be sure they have sent out angels
to begin counting fireflies
because it is widely known
that the world has taken a great turn

Backyard volunteers are helping
track the firefly numbers
The light from them has been so diminished
that some stars are beginning to wane

We got Bob Dylan on the wall
and he's wiggling like a pinned butterfly
and that is why the world's fireflies
are being counted, and counted again

because it is so difficult to believe
that no one would have them

