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The Question;

“Defenceless under the night
Our world in stupor lies;
Yet, dotted everywhere,
Ironic points of light
Flash out wherever the Just
Exchange their messages:
May I, composed like them
Of Eros and of dust,
Beleaguered by the same
Negation and despair,
Show an affirming flame.”

. . . September 1, 1939
W. H. Auden

An Answer.

Arrest the flame of September,
for the voice you remember
parts.
Assert the shame of September,
as a voice to remember
harks:
Heave the Wares of the Wise, afar!
Leave the heart where it lies, ajar.
Play host in the dive;
stay lost and alive;
be parts of the lies.