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“But do you really mean, Sir,” said Peter, “that there could be other worlds—all over the place, just round the corner—like that?”
“Nothing is more probable,” said the Professor.

—C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*

I have sentried the verge
of numinous worlds innumerable
up to brink brought meat and drink
for they are closer, more beautiful and
more perilous, and much closer
than we think.

They border our backyards,
brush against our bookshelves,
they chime out chary answer
to our brazen churchbells.

And should we at the thresholds
find us there with dusty key
or broken spine or florid leaf
or signal star, and if

our inner moths can no more resist
these otherworldly lights, give
your Atlas leave, for he never
held broad horizon up to brim
of all that, ever becoming, is.

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