Epiphany

The first time the understanding hit
me that stars do not go away
in the daytime sky, that
their light is only blinded out
by the sun,

the sky dissolved from
blue to yellow to white,
the glass sphere of my
world shattered into a million glittering
paths,

and later,
when all summer's heat focused into
the smallest, searing punctures
above the dusk-darkened trees,

a glowing crescent was already moving
across the sky, hanging in the balance.

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