

## CULTURE & HISTORY

# Hughes—Stars

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Source: The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes, p. 85.

O, sweep of stars over Harlem streets,

O, little breath of oblivion that is night.

A city building

To a mother's song.

A city dreaming

To a lullaby.

Reach up your hand, dark boy, and take a star.

Out of the little breath of oblivion

That is night,

Take just

One star.