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## ONE LINE OF LIGHT

*for Bill Matthews*

Six across. The windows give away  
everything. Some nights  
I'm the only one up  
in Athens, Ohio,  
all the lights on,  
the music loud enough  
to leak, like water,  
out of every seam,  
each soft spot.

I think of my house as a ship  
lit up like a birthday.  
I walk around inside it  
with the page of a poem—  
the day's log,  
the night's psalm.  
The dark is my ocean.  
I know the water's rising  
in the next town.