

I.

Polly began to sicken. She could not account for it.

He is sorry to say that his dear wife is still ailing.

I had for a month or so been troubled with a nervous weakness. I did not consult the local doctor, for he was not such a man as I could confide in. There was a notion that I would visit with a specialist some two days' travel from here. But my nervousness most unaccountably left at the end of July.

The function ceased, with a mixture of herbs and an abstemious diet of soup of arrowroot and semolina. After that, two weeks of bedrest.

Poor Polly is crying much and wants comforting. She is lying in.

The woman generally complains first of coldness and shivering.

I have been very poorly in September, dividing my time between the bed and the sofa.

I was glad and grateful to be rid of the pains and of the aggrieved disposition which I have had for some months.

It is November. After writing a letter, I passed through my mother's room. The curtains breathed. A window was open. I suddenly felt so bad that I had to get back into my bed: I began to fear. Oh. My love. I fear that my fall yesterday has had some more disastrous consequence than I had thought. All my hopes abandon me at the same time.

She lost consciousness. Her mind was heavy.

The care that was given to her prevented the consequences that this action could have; however, she is still not fully recovered.

II.

The warm, dry wind that gusts
down the mountain brings
headaches, sleeplessness,
anger, and fear.

When the wind blows, it melts
snow on the alpine peaks.
There is a surge in suicides.

After a day and night of this wind, I was so tired and melancholic that I was nearly unable to move. Almost at the point of despair, I fled to a valley, and then felt completely revived.

III.

We used data from the POLLI camera to measure the optical-band sky brightness within several high galactic latitude fields. The aim was to determine whether, without the presence of stars, galaxies, and other bodies that give off physical light, the universe itself is glowing.

The POLLI spacecraft travelled past Pluto some years ago and is now in dark space. It is far from dust clouds that might diffuse light, and it is billions of kilometres from the sun.

Of the thousands of images taken by the POLLI camera, we searched for those containing blank sky. We then processed these images to remove the sources of light that were known to us, such as light from nearby stars and from the Milky Way at large. Then we removed light that could be thought to emanate from all other known galaxies.

After all known sources of visible light had been removed, we were left with unexplained light.

The amount of light coming from mysterious sources was equal to the amount of light coming from known sources.

Half of the light in the universe is not accounted for.

There may be unidentified galaxies, faint and unseen galactic regions, or more dust than expected. Otherwise, there is some other source of light that is not yet known to us.

It might be that some hidden form of matter that we have not been able to observe is creating light.

Space is still very dark.