

Space Poetry

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This December the UW-Milwaukee Manfred Olson Planetarium collaborated with UWM's English Department during a special AstroBreak entitled "Space Poetry". 25 undergraduate students from Brenda Cardenas' creative writing course were invited to a private show earlier in the semester to gather inspiration for their written work. 15 of the students volunteered to perform their own astronomical themed poems during "Space Poetry" on Wednesday, December 14. Classmates and members of the public were impressed by the students' innovation and imagination.

The Sky is a Mirror by Andrew Stoiber

Once we were stars.
Billions of years before
we built the pyramids,
colonized the New World
or landed on the moon,
we were stars.

Look up at the sky and see
countless faces that could be
the next you or me.

Fusion births new elements.
The brilliant spheroid explosions
were once our womb.
Hydrogen converts to helium
Then the helium capture
produces a chemical rapture,
that creates more of the universe
than any god could dream.

Look up at the sky and see
the new life that will be
wondering about you or me.

We will be stars.
Billions of years after
we disappear,
leave this world,
and are swallowed by the sun,
we will be stars.

