**Car Headlights: A Medley of Poems**

I am made of plants and animals that died millions of years ago in the past

I am comprised mostly of hydrogen and carbon, with traces of sulphur, nitrogen, oxygen, and metals of different kinds

I am found in the oil sands of Alberta, and off the shores of Newfoundland and Labrador, where the oceans are vast

I am mined as bitumen, and as asphalt, carried off in humongous trucks, the size of mini mountains, leaving my kin behind

I am heated and distilled at impossible temperatures, separated, and altered

I am split into so many parts I thought I would die

This is the first time thinking about my identity that I faltered

Now, who am I?

**P**olycarbonate plastic, full of polymers, repeating chains of molecules over and over again

**L**ED tubing, or exterior automotive parts, polycarbonate is everywhere

**A**s clear as glass, allowing light to shine through like sunbeams

**S**turdy and strong enough to withstand bullets, nothing can stop me; except

**T**ime, of course, eroding and chipping me away with relentless sun rays

**I** can last a while longer with UV coating, but ultimately I am just a part of

**C**ar headlights, everyday I am lucky enough to see what a bright world it is

In the sea of lights

Artificial starlight glows

Up and down like waves

Continuously

Riding the flow of traffic

Endlessly through the

Bug splats of summer road trips

And the frigid winter days

Days I can’t see seven metres ahead and worry there’s no tomorrow

Days I can’t but feel like melting into the baking asphalt

Days I can’t wait to forget about

Days I can’t but help wonder if I am like a 52-hertz whale

Days where amongst the listless urban sea, I wonder if anyone can hear me

As I spend days and days looking and watching

Manufactured stars

Light up the concrete jungle

In the GTA

Where man made constellations

Reflect the late night bustle

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