

## **The Telling of Stars**

Ubiquitous Professor Brian Cox,  
he of the high energy particle smile,  
celestial teeth and Double Diffraction PhD,  
tells us of the stars: thermonuclear fusion,  
spheres of gas emitting heat and light,  
stellar luminosity, radius, mass,  
molecular cloud birth, spectacular collapse.  
But when gazing up at the night sky,  
fingers touching in the evening warmth,  
we see the swirl of Andromeda's skirts,  
the splendorous vanity of Cassiopeia,  
together we follow the flight of comets,  
apparitions in the stillness of the stars,  
our love the bright constancy of Polaris.