The International Space Station

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I spy
a speck of light
speeding across the sky
too fast to be an airplane.

It's you,
soaring two hundred fifty miles
above the Earth
orbiting every ninety minutes.

From space,
you view our planet.
You watch the sun rise and set
sixteen times a day.

But you
are more than just a traveler.

Inside your labs,
astronauts
perform experiments,
test new technologies,
conduct spacewalks, and learn
how we might live together
far from home.

And when you pass overhead,
I see more
than a glimmer of light.

I see the future.

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