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# The downtown lights sure look super duper

Stunning, sensational, spectacular and super duper.

Those were my first thoughts when I saw the new Christmas lights in the trees on Main Street. Maybe I didn't think super duper exactly, but I needed another word here that started with "s."

In any event they're very impressive. They're bluish, instead of the traditional white, and they create a type of glow that creates a mood that's just... super duper.

The old lights told you it was Christmas, but these lights tell you it's more. It's winter and the holiday season, but it's also cozy and warm, and if you're given to such things, quite romantic. "Serendipity," said Grace Saunders, the co-ordinator for the Downtown Business Improvement Area.

They needed new lights, but they couldn't get the traditional kind because the heat they emitted would hurt the young trees that line Main Street. The board decided to go with the LED low energy lights that didn't give off the heat.

I like that word — serendipity — and the movie, too. But I hardly think I've explained the effect of the lights properly, so I think it's time to call in the poets because they'd do a much better job.

*Robert Frost*: "Two roads diverged in the town, and I — I took the one more travelled by, because it had cool blue lights. And that has made all the difference."

*Walt Whitman*: "Oh Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done; I can see the blue lights of Milton, the prize we sought is won."

*Dr. Seuss*: I do not like green eggs and ham, unless I have a nice view of the lights



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on Main Street in Milton while I'm eating them.

*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*: How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height of a street named Main in Milton in winter."

*ee cummings*: "stay. in. school so you can learn what the heck I'm talking. about. in lowercase. letters."

*Emily Dickinson*: "A light exists in spring not present on the year, not counting the Christmas lights in Milton that bring us so much cheer."

*Elvis Presley*: "It'll be a blue Christmas without you... unless I go to Milton and walk up Main Street."

*Robert Browning*: "Oh to be in England, now that April's here, but I'm glad December I was in Milton to see the lights so clear."

*Anonymous*: "Roses are red, Main Street's lights are blue; sugar is sweet, and so is Meg Ryan."

*Shakespeare*: "Blow blow thy winter wind, thou art not so unkind... especially when I walketh up Main Street in Milton."

*Murray Townsend*: "They look super duper."

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