

A photograph of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) over Da Nang, Vietnam. The sky is dark with vibrant, multi-colored aurora displays in shades of green, red, and white. The lights appear to be dancing and shimmering, creating a magical atmosphere. The background is a deep, dark purple and blue, with some faint stars visible.

Northern Lights of Da Nang...

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I saw the lights shimmering,
wafting, undulating waves of
bright propelling Phantoms aloft;
sometimes slow, sometimes
in frenzied delight.

A calm bewitched my heart and tugged
my soul near tears; how beautiful the
night above Da Nang... South China Sea
dew, drops, like prism-orbs glistening,
and each a dangling fire-drop reflection
of soaring F-4 Phantom's light--upon
God's palette of night.

Multi-hued emeralds danced gracefully
as galaxies fluttered in their wake...
Fire light streaking from earth; an
offered hand-up to a taken-soul.
White-light crescendo rose-red, and
rocked in heaven's night.

Northern Lights o'er Da Nang...
if only in my dreams,
fifty years ago this night... I still
hear the *krumping-doors* raining
frightfully in search of innocence, and
F-4 afterburners streaking North.