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Abstract

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We have to listen
 louder still
 to the furnace vents
 rushing eager indoor winds
 past dry brown plants
 and bristled cat
as they close these homey hibernations
 in a stifling fold—
 a dull white envelope of deaf noise.

We have to learn
to train our ears
on Maytag spin-dry cycles
slamming wet sweaters
heavy
against the walls—

Violent blows upon the shell
so thin
mark out the crystal boundaries
of sleepless winter nights.