Winter Drowning

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while wading in society's pool of beauty,
she fell in love with her image
and was pulled by the undertow beneath the surface
of her mirror

ccontent for the while
bathing in self-righteousness
swimming in the shallow
denying the hunger and need for oxygen
that reminded her of her limits

she tread with a desperate smile
barely above the waterline
impressing the onlookers a picture of perfection
while below her muscles grew weak

and the smile sustained even as she sank further into the cold
winter overtook the water trapping her beneath the ice and glass.

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