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### THE WALTZ

Grandmother,  
thinning hair  
falling  
off shoulders  
like snowflakes  
waltzing though December,

dust particles  
above the air conditioner  
when sunlight sings  
through windows,  
aged highlights,  
individual strands filled with

the wisdom of a woman  
who raised children  
during war,  
who planted irises, wisteria  
in the village gardens.



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