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It's only the beginning of March  
but in the warm dark  
with night voices wafting through  
the slatted shades  
season is in masquerade  
and I stand, solitary,  
expecting  
change like the imminent buds  
on the bare maple tree

Peeking out from the blanket of winter  
the air is lighter, expansive  
so that breath and beat  
travel on the horizon  
turning to something bigger  
than I know

It's only the beginning of march  
but in this warm dark  
with night voices wafting through  
the slatted shades  
season is in masquerade  
and I stand, solitary,  
between  
yesterday and tomorrow  
this is change.