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## There. But Not There At All.

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### **THERE. BUT NOT THERE AT ALL.**

Snow filters down  
outside your basement window—  
a single streetlight painting shadows  
on your face.

Alone, I carry on a personal  
correspondence with the ceiling.  
Tears drip into  
my ears.

Double down comforters  
bunched between us,  
arms crossed over  
my chest.

My hair,  
cold and clammy on pillows,  
like strands of seaweed  
lying limp on the shore.

I want sun,  
to melt the icicles  
barring your window  
like a cell.  
I want morning,  
to erase  
this solitary night.

Because you're here,  
but not here at all.