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as child I stood,  
chin-high to polished sill.  
Parlordark stood round me,  
her hands mothersoft on my shoulders.

bed-ready I stood,  
secure in footed sleepers.  
my silver breath piled slow  
from the window corner:  
I told me strange and many things  
in lovely lettering  
that only childhood could read.

and Streetlight stood,  
star-high to the windy Elm.  
white-jewel snow swirled round him  
and was as lovely in his light  
as his light was lovely  
because of her.

as child I stood,  
and told me with my breath  
“they must be loving”

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