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Snow
does not fall
on Huntington Pool
It grows
and decays
as it does
in all of Syracuse
Skateboards
guided by sneakers
spray melted snow water
against the pool house walls
each spring
and in summer
chlorine and children
pour in
and spread out
the water
Each swims toward friends
in the deep end
and wades to the shallow
to pee
Four-letter words
carved with locker pins
tickle their softened feet
as they wrap themselves
with towels
marked Children of the City

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