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## There Is Snow on the Distant Place

**Lana Bella**

I saw me, on the front lawn,  
beneath a soft snow:  
a gray-haired woman who  
pick her tempos in the memories of  
pale flaked ice,

there have been years  
of pristine gloves and fair tulle dresses,  
pink champagne and white  
winter coats,  
I, a jumble of limbs,  
arms at thrust, fingers opened,  
with stem-like thoughts and poetry  
on tongue that feathered  
the Minnesota snow  
until it volleyed like fruit flies  
on sweets,

the most pleasing vibes tingled through  
when my muscles felt sluggish as if  
the tongue that drink  
the length of winter's weeping  
was quenched of thirst at last, and yet,  
my lips remained zippered to that  
infinite silver curve of snow--