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SUBURBAN NOIR
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I stand in my bedroom, a finger denting
the slat of the venetian blind
watching Lowell Road,

a small fury of snowflakes dimming
the corner streetlight, Dad in shadows
walking home from city

trains, pausing to inhale
a last cigarette, smelling
of investments, furtive perfume...

on those secret evenings everyone
else looked away
from the perennials readying themselves to bloom.