

## THIS WINTER NIGHT

This winter night  
let the winds howl their  
hollow song  
let the rain streak sideways  
scratching at the black  
window pane

This winter night  
let the raven run to shelter  
and the mule deer limp  
its line of fading footprints in the mud

Go ahead  
let a thousand spirits whine  
the dying of the earth

This winter night  
your arms make a circle around me  
and in this one small room  
the air is thick with blossoms

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