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# A Dream of Beauty and Loss of Symmetry

Snow falls upon the city where cars sleep  
in single file under lamplight  
burning long into the night. Maples and elms  
moan in a mad duet, and the light  
hurtles somewhere else at light speed.

Once we watched each crystal explode  
into an eternity of dreams upon the glass.  
You said each fractal held a replica of itself --  
a hexagon of reflections in a kaleidoscope  
of mirrors. The stars had disappeared.  
The clouds had ushered them away. And then  
only the moon lingered, its pale light insisting  
without confidence, borrowed from one last star.

Tonight we wake to the sound of steam  
knocking like a metal lung  
while moonlight dozes on our floor, and plows  
rumble from their sleep to shoot white dust,  
like opiate, into the veins of Chicago.