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## Frost Scratches

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## FROST SCRATCHES

Through the swamp cooler vents  
tiny sounds like frost's fingers  
scratch beneath the cover  
to rip it from its tie downs  
and enter boldly cold  
like a busted-down door  
while dog barks next door  
senses the intrusion  
and tries to warn in watchdog mode  
until an investigation searches  
out windows and listens beneath  
the closed vents of the cooler  
and silence prickles through air  
like water slowly freezing  
inward from its shores.

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