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## HARD WINTER

Walking the lines I found a rabbit  
caught in the slats of a snow fence—  
wide-eyed, dead.

No marks.

Whatever it ran from  
missed. Snow

gave it a decent burial.

Wind dug it up again.

I pulled the stiff body free,  
still frozen in flight,  
and lay it on the ground.

My gloves were covered with fur.

If there was a lesson

I left it there,

got back to my fire.