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## PERSPECTIVE

“Actually snowing at this moment!  
. . . the folly of people not staying  
comfortably at home when they  
can.”

Jane Austen, *Emma*

Horses steam with frost  
as the groom tethers them.  
The first flakes slow  
the carriage, and no one looks  
at roads going wild with white.  
No one breathes until they're  
safely by the fire. Winters  
in this novel, young women  
fold their tippetts and stay  
inside with their fathers.

In another world we stay inside  
and watch the radar weatherscope.  
Years flash their record lows  
on the screen, and in the photo  
we see ghostly clouds grazing  
our map in April with snow.

We won't remember what we said  
tonight, or how we lived here,  
hardly touching. Snow touches  
everywhere, the crocus that opened  
by the porch of this house,  
the separate porches where we'll stand  
looking back on a spring so white  
we can't see anything.