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This view become reversed, Migizi watching  
Wazhashk, full, but curious, even February grey  
makes the appetite for what lies opposite us dull.  
A river stretched between us, steam forced up  
between fractures in a turtle shell of ice, rises  
as if stoked by inner fire. Body mirrored by surface  
ice rushing eastward to shallow wide-open waters  
between nations. Know that geography changes people.  
Borders make a mile a lifetime away, rivers are  
that ethereal mass separating us, changing tragedy  
to entertainment. We linger, our view empty  
as late-morning is pounced upon by a howl of sirens  
crying out in gun-to-temple love. Our footing is,  
to be certain, exactly as wide as our maps make it.