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## Inclement

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Georgian Bay waves, dishwater  
grey, white-frosted rise,  
throw cymbal and drum at my ears,  
crusts of brown foam ice my wheels,  
mud-rutted path

Bicycle slow  
knuckles red-chapped, sandpapered by wind  
cheeks sleet-stung rain-teared,  
each pedal's turn a hard push

Take me home,  
take me to some place called  
safe from the storm

Jessie sits  
on the sidewalk, blanket under her knees  
red cup beside her, Timmies gone cold  
she makes art, draws with pencils—  
a giraffe or a Jesus, blue jay, grey wolf,  
many horses, one sharp-eyed red fox

I forget sometimes  
everything

Where is she now?

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