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## Eighty-Seven

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Alone I washed my hair  
all white & streaming  
down my shoulders , raining  
puddles on the floor .  
Outside  
the blizzard .  
It is zero in my soul  
as I turn around , the back  
of my wheelchair hugging  
the window , & I strong  
in my defiance hearing  
the wind solace echoing  
the hollows of my brain ,  
feeling  
the many fingered chill lifting ,  
parting my hair ,  
the curtains billowing ,  
touching my face , slip away .