

# Poem: "Light Snow"

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Just enough snow fell last night

to emphasize what's there — nothing  
fanciful, no octopi on the spruce boughs  
or fungal protuberances in the garden —  
just enough to highlight the cables  
swooping in unison above the road  
and to italicize the branches of the trees  
out to their twiggy extremities  
so that their complex articulations  
might be legible. But what is it  
I want to read in them? Just enough  
to see what's there a little more clearly?

Or a little more than that? I don't know,  
but what I see next is the snow  
being blown from the trees in sudden  
glittering puffs, one after another  
of these literal illuminations  
that swirl down and vanish,  
dazzling, ungraspable.

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