

# LITERARY

## Winter Meltingness

Feel no Pain

Shot-up body on the battlefield  
Feels no pain, never again -  
Just stares into the darkened sky  
On your back you feel no pain.

Full moon's light from frozen space  
Impacts via light-speed-time -  
But moonbeams tend to feel no pain  
When they're doing the mind-shock-mime.

Do you see the significance  
of those stratofortress planes -  
The ones so far beyond your touch?,  
Bright white contrails feel no pain.

Shot up body in wet red mud  
Feels no pain, never again -  
And monsoon rains are no relief  
'Cause jungle rain feels no pain.

NAROF

Days of undone coats while walking home  
and flung-off hats  
and gloves while

birds sit black on yellowing  
willow stalks  
shadowing only  
winter meltingness seen in

pale skin  
pale sky  
and grey spindles  
of almost-growing things as when

breath on the morning air  
turns wholly invisible: then  
come hintings of new smells following frost from the  
earth:

soft smells following on pine winds  
warm in my hair  
and your long blue hand  
in the night

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A river ran down Regent Street and it was Spring

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