First Snow

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When the snowflakes hit, it's hard to tell if I'm the one they cling to, or if it's one another. Flagrant lovers, they'll bind

at any opportunity. There's a solid inch laid down, a frosted white that makes all surface icing, all concrete cake.

Ahead, I see a wide expanse of nothingness half-clouded by the drifts. My feet set forth deliberately, an astronaut upon

the moon. Behind me, in my wake, I leave small absences that slowly fill. Goddess of both brevity and memory, the snow

records all steps. The snow forgets. Where am I from? Where am I walking to? Was I looking for or leaving you?



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