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February Lake—

Silence presses in
on barren banks lined
with dried cattails.
Corroded shore
wears their
braided stems
like a radiating crown;
the last echo of summer.

Today, its speckled surface is
clotted with snow.

Ancient body,
satin soft and willing in
this phase of
seasons, waits quietly
under its frozen shell.
Impatient for the heavy
cold to lift,
for longer suns to coax
thinned trickles from
water's shedding ice,
already starting
to disappear.

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