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white trunks from snow,  
columns of silence

a nimbus of frost  
low in the aspen

oh to pause on white ground  
and hold from movement

from whisperings gone  
like leaves from their trembling

to stand rooted to sky—  
the steadfastness

of seasons; to open and enter  
silence made visible

—Dixie Partridge