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Snow vs Crow

Like billions of dark butterflies
Beating their wings against dreams
Or myriads of spirited coal
spread from the sky of another world
A heavy black snow falls, falling
Down towards the horizon of my mind
Where a little white crow is trying
To fly from bough to bough

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