

Dreamtime Walkabout

Always the same — each time — changing

snow danced this morning
outside my window
designed around DNA
bits blown skyward from
plants and animals until clouds
fell as weighted water
crystals of white lace

Changing always — the same — each time

young ice walked away
from the cattail shore
beneath the yellow branches
willow leaves shoaled like silver
fish under the clarity of winter
stilled water mirror for the moon

Each time — changing always — the same

slowed to heart ticked rhythm
muffled steps, frosted breath
loud in cold swept silence
alert to survive the simple
landscape stitched with purple
my mind writes like stars forming
bright intensities of thought
flare and glimmer with stories
poems and songs fill my sky
with constellations of lines
chapters and rhymes that overflow
marked by patterns of the present
tree shadows and mouse trails
between the doors of birth and death
proceed into the before and after

The same — each time — changing always

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