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## White Asters

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## WHITE ASTERS

Impossible to know the way  
beyond way—

that which comes as a freak  
of light,

or darkness,  
whichever comes naturally,

at cost, and at ease  
like volcanic ash  
with everywhere to go; or

the way of a first frost—

heads of tiny white asters  
bow and break.

*Allison M. Lee*