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Sun Straight-Up

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The last day I saw you
Was the last day of old year,
When last late shadows
Stood on tall clown's stilts,
Window-peeping back through
Reflecting panes of other New Years.

This now New Year, I will
Forget fields of long-stemmed flowers
Bent into question-marks
By marrow eroding storms,
And stand erect against the
Still strong gusts of your lost miracle.

This last New Year, I will
Stare you out of my eyes,
So when the last ice melts, and
My senses are rank, bucking-horses,
Goose-bumping almost through my hide,
I will be new for Spring's first green
explosions.

SUN STRAIGHT-UP ●