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# loneliness

In the icy sky above a bird wings higher. Ever onward and upward, Soaring toward the sun In a search for warmth.

A mongrel dog sniffs past a barren tree, Slips under a park bench, And huddles against the cold concrete As the wind blows snow into his corner.

An old, saddened woman carrying packages Bends her snow-encrusted head lower, And trods furtively along, Clinging to the brick building.

Loneliness is cold. It is a wind snapping into a corner, Tearing it apart and hurtling it into space.