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AFTER THE WINTER ON NORTH MANITOU

It is April on the island
But no white tail flags
The first green bud.
No antlers blend
With young birch branches.

Spring melts the snowbanks,
Uncovering deer after
Dead deer.
Winter stiffness
Rots under morning sun.

The only movement,
White worms. Lacing
The frail ribcage,
They feast while powdered
Bones dust opening trillium.

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