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Snow,
packed by tire tracks,
creaks beneath my boots.
Archaic smiles pass me by,
eyes staring into the cold,
expressions
needing to be thawed
like street lights
glaring their mechanical eyes.

The wind bellows,
driving me against a wall.
Feeling the warm brick
that has sponged the sun,
now wrung against my cheek,
I pause,
viewing the chilly scene,
wishing I could defrost it.

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