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The skeleton shadow
of our apple tree
twisted and shivered
its silhouette against
the stark white snow.
The wind
frightened our house,
making the windows chatter.

A sound like departing jets
startled me,
yet a drawn shade
couldn't stop the wind's moaning.
The furnace warmed my skin,
but ice filled my bones.
Indignant reproach
didn't calm the inner trembling.

Through closed eyelids,
I still saw the wind —
lashing at the bushes
outside my bedroom windows.
Hurling the brittle leaves
into whimpering piles
beside the porch.

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