

UP NORTH

Winter always lingers. The blue snow
thins down but holds on
in the shadows, even when neighbors
start talk of planting their gardens.

They spoon sugar in their coffee,
dream of days so hot
they have to lie on the kitchen floor
and suck ice cubes from a glass.

Even in May the tulips are not in sight.
Weasels by the river waddle through the mud,
swim alone in the sinuous water.
People hoard their oranges

because they come from a land that's warm.
Columns of geese begin heading north,
but they're animals, they know
how to take things on faith.

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