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## Perigee Moonrise

LeAnn Spencer

**Third place winner of the Prairie Writing Award**

Luminous orb  
throws velvet shadows  
on crackled snow  
and slips an eerie glow  
into our bedroom.  
Rising, we spy a  
bloated sphere,  
suspended  
just beyond reach —  
a mere  
two hundred,  
twenty-two thousand  
miles  
above the Earth.

Lured into the night,  
we wrap ourselves in down  
and stumble  
into the barren fields  
of January.  
We stand watch,  
awed by an ancient,  
astronomy,  
our wild,  
wolf breath  
steams in the cold,  
silver light.