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Water Vessel  
Glazed stoneware  
*Marge Dady*



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*Maggie Kennedy*

Serrated swords,  
jagged knives of ice,  
drip in the morning sun,  
and in their dripping grow.

Heroes are the ones  
who both remember and  
forget, Baldwin wrote.  
The body learns early,  
melting burns more.

Deep freeze.  
A lone dove slices  
through the silence.  
Somewhere the sun  
peeks through.

The icicles begin  
their dripping, and in  
their dripping grow,  
drip by drip, each  
melting marked by a ring,  
like a tree adds girth,  
until they grow immense,  
perilous daggers of light  
threatening to crash of their own scars.