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Ice gives me power.  
Ice gives speed—  
out of nowhere I blast.

Ice lends grace  
and I leave all the heavy  
crawling bones behind.  
I spin fast on blue shimmers  
like disappearing diamonds.  
My silk skirt flutters;  
I vanish in frosty mist.  
Light as a piano, I step and spiral  
subtle as designs on snow.  
I am white light,  
I am a soprano's white voice.  
Flashing, ice dares me  
to go faster and I fly  
down the wide arena, into air.  
I am silver,  
I am an exploding star;  
ice gives me power  
I never had before.