Once upon a time recently in...a land nearby

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Ribbons of snow, lake effect snow
curl around the house and roof
making them thrum with sullen energy.
Inside we are warm by our fire;
Within ourselves and unable to relate.
The Earth is humming to itself.

My sparrows, my beloved sparrows,
suddenly decide the barren thicket tree
is really not the place to be.
And they rush to the warming shelter
of our high backyard evergreen hedge
standing like a deep thick wall.

The strong angled branches
so roofed with snow.
The tiny birds burrow
deep within with a rush of wings
and a splintering of white powder.
They are gone deep deep inside.

God love those sparrows, tiny dirt-grey creatures.
With uncontained happiness,
now they decide to have a group song
in celebration of the bitter weather.
Suddenly from the smoky day, a spark of a song.
Would it be we all should have such a spirit.