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PLAIN OR RINGLETS?

Timothy Craig

One puzzling feature of that Regency
was its very aged watchmen and another
its spinets and gray paper and another
my own defunct manservant with his face
like an iron stove. We had witches in
Devonshire and mirrors in Belgravia.
There were many very trivial kidnappings.

Blessington's
hair lies in dusty cylinders and
the carpets at Gore are rolled
like diplomas. The air is cranky & granular.
I lie among cruets carried through
the Northwest Passage. Long
lavender sparks sail over the train yard.
It is like listening to laughter & laughing
oneself while not quite knowing the joke.

THE SNOWBALL

Joannie Liesenfelt

Slowly, it melts, a stranger to heat.
Slowly, to dripping, falls frost in a flow,
ripples of silken tumble and roll,
tumble and roll!

Till warm melts away.
Slivers of icing benumb what was sway,
habits of cold shrink flow to a ball
rolling and rolling, too layered for thaw.