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WINTER THOUGHTS

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Ridiculous big geese, dignified,
looming over their flat feet.
They love parades!
They have protocol and manners,
and no sense at all behind their black eyes.

You say you don't want to hold hands,
that's for kids to do, and we aren't.
But I'd like to pretend,
I'd like to recall all
those kisses at stop signs
going home to that blue room.

I can be silent as time
for months, maybe a year.
Then my hand gets a pen
and attacks the world,
and some specific small problems.

I took a good look at the Cleaners Man
yesterday. And he has got old!
I don't know when this happened.
Probably about the same time
it happened to me.