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The Napping House Fucked Me Up

EMILY SHANK

I've cut myself
On the shards of unfinished stories
As I try desperately
To keep them from falling into the abyss

They slip through my fingers
And they are chased
By rivulets of crimson
The sting is like winter air
A biting reminder that
The world consumes warmth from life

In the frozen morning
My heart demands
Hermitage with those whose presence
Means warmth, sanctuary, and peace

But that is a desire forever denied
It is a wish better suited
For the colorful pages
Of a children's book.

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