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## "Crystalline"

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You were a tree, twisting and contorting  
your limbs around my heart, and thwarting  
all attempts I made to keep to my own.

You were rays of the sun; you had sown  
the warmth in my lucid bones, frozen deep  
until the touch of another seeped  
through every extension of my being.

You were a whisper of wind, seeing  
in which ways and how my spirit fluttered,  
and what it took for skin to shudder  
against the bitter cold of disregard,  
wounding further one already marred.