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Waking in the deep December night,  
a howling wind-lashed torrent weeps

about this cabin where I lie motionless,  
—a warm corpse, naked face chilled—  
breathing plumes of vapor in the dark.

Breathing in, breathing out ...  
Breathing in, breathing out ...  
Breathing in, breathing out ...  
Breathing in, breathing out ...

As the invisible breath-door swings back  
and forth, in the silent empty space  
between thoughts, everything is clear:

The soft warmth of flannel bedding  
embraces and comforts me.  
Hard rain dances on the roof  
with ten thousand nimble feet.