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Walking by, a gentle flowing, features compose  
a tapestry in the wind, leaving streams of pure color in her wake  
across the snowy lawn. I call, the sharp crack of a word that perturbs  
my waking thoughts: her name. Not staring but sharing the soul  
that lies just inside eyes that sparkle crisp, piercing daily  
airs to understand the core humanity that is me.  
Simple conversation turns quickly to a willful surrender  
to the beckoning call of the soul that rests behind the twinkling pools,  
opening itself up unto my own. She stands in confidence; my  
guards fall and walls collapse to the features soft as  
meadow's grass. Smiles bring inescapable waves of elation,  
ecstasies that prove addicting to my heart, an image immediately  
etched forever in marble mind. Speech in the cold morning light  
begets visible wisps, I am immobilized with yearning for my lips  
to trace them to source. As brief communication comes to a close  
she turns, floating off into the cool brisk of day,  
having said so much more than was spoken.