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by Fred Alsberg

Sitting down to write tonight
I discovered I could not
romanticize a radish.
I could not inflate an egg.

All snowflakes
started to look alike,
I could no longer hear
the breeze unsheathe its blade.

Wasting perfectly good
pieces of paper,
I learned only that
I couldn't play chess with headstones.

I could not sell a lottery ticket
to a crow, let alone
do a tap dance
on typewriter keys.

The sky, it would seem,
had closed up shop;
I'd need to be content
to rule out a few dead ends.

