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November 8, 1993: Snow Again

by Robert J. De Smith

It's true you're always cold:
From September to June, we joke,
You're a snow cone.

But does that explain why
Your birthday is so often
Celebrated with snow?

November 8 is an auspicious
Date for white flutterings, perhaps.

But I prefer to watch a
Tumbled joy of warmest flakes—
Convivial, ambling, iridescent—

An emblem of my dear.

Sisyphus at Home

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The toys all neatly poised,
He places the last doll—
When the shelf crashes from the wall,
Spilling

Legoes,

Hot Wheels,

Mattel,

Disney,

Fisher Price,

Diggers,

Alpha-

Bets,

Plastics,

Polyesters,

Metals,

Tools,

Books,

Barneys,

and Big Bird too.

He bends his back to begin again.