

ice storm

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snow-covered sidewalks  
ice-enveloped trees

glow through the window

amputated branches  
broken power lines

solitude confined  
in blackout homes

before the fireplace  
sits pretty

a porcelain face

fire cannot defrost  
man's numb heart

i remain  
till spring thaws

ready to carry him up to  
*paradiso's* highest realm

if only he'll electrify me

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