nosis of breast cancer. From its beginnings with the Vancouver Abreast In A Boat team, to the present participation of over 1000 paddlers living with breast cancer from coast to coast, dragon boating has captured the imagination and spirit of breast cancer survivors across Canada. Further research is required to test the hypothesis that dragon boating as a team sport provides a powerful communal context to engage in adult play while enhancing the physical and emotional health of breast cancer survivors as they race individually and together against breast cancer.

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Kissing Under a Winter Sky

You expect nothing and the surprise of it tips you into the thought

Why was this so enjoyable?

like the mild shock sometimes encountered at New Year’s Eve parties

meaningless yet intriguing that can fit you under the bow of Orion

Cassiopeia weeps, Andromeda

And you think perhaps you’re as young as they are

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