SI TRANSKEN

Northern Snow Storm Survivors

This hushed after-morning
the Mourning Dove
embellishing and giving life
to the colors of healing bruises
cautions herself
around snow drifts &
my sacrificial offerings
of sunflower seeds,
bread crusts,
a piece of chocolate bar.

Like old war wounded
we eye each other closely,
from uncrossable
sides of a window
& confirm each other.

‘Yes,’ ‘Yes’
we nod to each other
shoulders thrown back
& all muscles & bones
held solid
‘Yes,’ ‘Yes’
we have made it
through one more storm.

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