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## Expect Aurora Borealis

We expect the daylight—  
and on the whole prefer it  
for its warmth, the clarity  
allowing us distraction—

not this pure love  
devil-smashed, diffused,  
illuminating nothing but itself,  
colluding with the dark.

*The title is a line from Seamus Heaney's "North."*