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A CHILD LOST

White white angel-white
snowbanks on the slope
down to a frozen lake
and a lacuna
indiscernible to the child's eyes
blinded
by gusts and snowdrifts
as the sled rushes
automatically
inexorably
toward the deep-blue eye of the ice
which closes over
five years' existence

Sled tracks on the slope
covered by snowdrift
The ice-plated lake
keeps its prey

translated by the author