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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*