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One winter I lay down in front  
of my lover in the snow and said the words  
"precision" and "beauty." And though  
it was dark and I could not see his face,  
which I knew to be precise and beautiful,  
I saw the nodding pines behind him nod  
their affirmation. So I swept my arms slowly  
up against the snow and slowly back  
against my sides to rest, stood up then  
and admired with my amazed lover the angel  
pressed by my body in the snow.  
Now when I lie down with my lover  
the angels my body keeps lie down with us,  
and when I take his hands in mine and spread  
our arms wide like wings extended  
we press an angel into our bed  
readying for flight.

*Marnie Prange*