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me twelve hours the mountain
shape shifting snow-ghost see
God's vowels lilt with wind
get this straight: no one died
nothing was said my mouth said
nothing thought avalanche

upon avalanche split vibration
cracks a snowfield my body deserves
this burying spine crumple
breakers snort the fall a whistle
helmetless head maytags
slopes the curve body apology

circumspect my mouth says nothing
breathes hardly even a wound
nothing diamonds barrel down
rain under say drowning
that pressure leash to board
to air open O day's salt temple

O circulate thrash a space
for mouth spit or open mouth
gravity rings liquid or air down
up degree depending what did you do
what can you do but open
the mouth lie dilate

pearl vertebrae circle
in a dish diamond nerves blind
my O body an O of steel breaks
each thud a gasp a vowel of nothing
eye to foot holy space for head my mouth
please please keep me quiet me