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*A Monk's Aubade*

Awake to the breaking of the lion's  
teeth, the hard billet, and the drake.  
Begin not with fire but with breath.

The buildings open their pores.  
The sheets tangle cool. Gone  
are the smells of wool and liquor,

snowed escapes. Lunacy can be  
forgiven. Here is the springbok's  
respite from the lion; fields full

of wind; and the sound of waterfall,  
which so recently menaced. Gulls  
spin lazy. Eyes open can light upon

other eyes. Here is the forgive,  
the glance, the much-loud lusting.