



Pause For Poetry:  
Michael Hawkes /39

## Description

## Slow Snow

A poem by **Michael Hawkes**

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If one has fallen as slowly as snow flakes  
From the height of a lowering cloud  
To land on a pillow of soft fluffy mates  
One feels glad to be back in the crowd.

Unbruised, unblemished and still a fine crystal,  
At rest among others as equally proud,  
One hopes to be drifted, fused, frozen solid,  
Un-snow-blown or peed on and ploughed.

Until, come the spring, one melts in a pool  
And joins with ones' friends in the flow,  
Energetic, aerated, and still kinda' cool  
But missing the slowness of snow.

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If lucky you'll be one of those who rises wraith-like  
From a lake into the sky;  
Up to where a high wind blows  
To move the cumuli.  
Where molecule to molecule clings for heaven's sake  
Until it's cool enough again  
To start falling as a drop of rain  
Then metamorphose as a flake.

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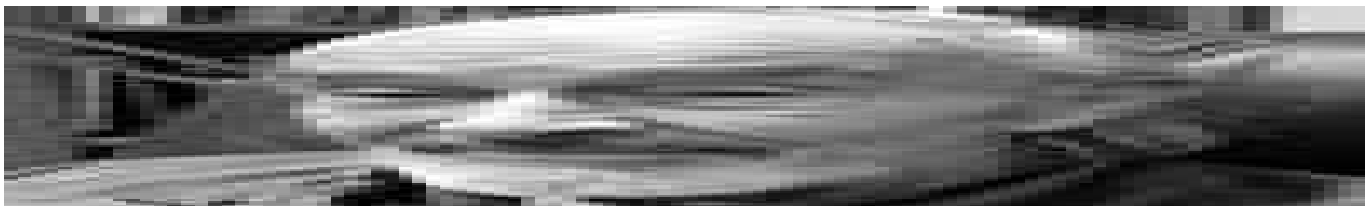
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