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Sharp cold edges
slice day into fragments
cracked ice at pond's shore
unseen bird's cry
pierced and cut short
sun's glint through
snow crystals pointed
blinded irises
dilated pupils
a narrow gaze
into afternoon's
slanted rays that drop
over horizon's last dark
edge where we left
those behind in last
year's folded calendar
softened by dust.

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