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The Snow Stars Rock

Yah its a picture
the green boughs bow
the snow down
the black night fills
the top bough the tree tops
its a picture the world is
thrown down snow castles
from the night above the snow
above is filled with stars
are filled in warriors
and dogs
silences
the hill side
sidles up as I
up the sky I move through
the switchback
trees white moon
baby hang on hang on
the rock clear dark fir boughs
wet fir boughs
dark wet fir boughy roads
in the dark and under your blazing timber sun
down the mountain
through sideways the switchback
roads just made for skiing down
language
four feet above your silken grass sides the bark flies from
the pitch sticks
yes, mud
yes please hang on
the boots names thereupon icfield rock and top
uh huh a picture
I is eyes in the stars
I look at I could be
a ceiling of soft dark
height . . .

The Flower

The Mountain sits
in the men's minds
of the east

flowering
as some white
and green lip
or petal

in the imagination
of colors
and size

fragrances and ice
a timber line
scree, some grass
lake and mountain
streams

all
in their imaginations
that it is a mountain
they sit upon
crying out up the valley
"A Flower, a flower."