

# ice becomes a new marvel

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at all altitudes and at all latitudes  
glaciers in furious melt:  
both Greenland and Antarctica headed both  
to be ice-free isles adrift  
and with shorter coastlines amidst higher seas.

no more slets and no more snows  
phenomena that elude memory soon:  
in no hemisphere and on no continent  
will children ever taste snowflakes from the sky  
every altitude and every latitude.

ice will be a marvel because of its cold  
once natural cold unnatural becomes.  
manufactured cold will hold its charms  
ice cubes melting in the fists of squealing kids  
—who couldn't see snow anyway, underground.

