

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.

