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**Snow Hare**

They placed him on his side  
a silhouette against the pillow, skin  
stretched over long thin bones

his limbs in constant spasm, as if  
he might still jerk himself awake  
like a dog chasing dream hares

leaping fences; and I followed  
through that cold February night  
covering wordless mile after mile

a whole country mapped  
between us, fields and mountains,  
lochs and burns, half frozen rivers

and an outline up ahead, white  
on white, passing out of sight.

**Eleanor Livingstone**

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