

## Snowdrops

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In bitter cold, the grieving wait  
for what might rise from shattered  
ground: beneath the rubble, something  
stirs, a baby, newborn, cord attached,  
alive, beside her mother, dead, is lifted  
into naked air. Like snowdrops deep  
in winter dark, slipping through  
the frigid crust, the unexpected slender  
stems, the delicate white-petaled blooms.