

Baptism: As Light as Snow

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Cool, waist-high,
shallower than remembered;
eight years ago, it seemed
that I would float.

Now, water slighter,
less buoyant to my gravity,
I descended first (my first),
reached out.

Spoke. An uncracked voice
(at last!) echoed in rigid angles
from white tiles. I faltered at
a voice not quite my own.

I climbed out;
a wet cotton hem
brushed my fingertips;
I barely kept my footing.

It seemed that I would float beyond the font.

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