

Winter Faith

The insufferable winter,
long on darkness
and wind,
surround our house like
a police action.
We put our hands to the
walls and feel
the cold seep.
We live like this, limbs tangled,
because we believe
in what we cannot see:
Warmer days ahead, and God-
willing, more light.



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