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Senior John Hodges, ex-serviceman who has done free-lance writing, posts the...

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Stark cold
The wind rips the rag of hope,
A snow sogged boot drags forth
And ploughs
To fall inches from
A knee mark in the snow.
A waning spirit strives up and stumbles once again,
One corporal surge and yet another thrust—
Then rest.

The swirl of blizzard uncurls
A blueed fist.
The fury of the storm sweeps down,
Inters its captive,
Leaves no mark
And howls defiance through the world.