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Puritan homes from the outside,  
Glued with salt from the keel of some fisherman's pram  
Bend wooden bodies to align with  
Raw albumin pavement slick from late fog.

Black earth stretches between sidewalk and doorstep.  
Dampness seeps through rubber soles of boots and  
Person leans into light fingers from lamp poles  
Burning heatless spheres of white-washed electricity.

Inside, low beamed ceilings breathe orange warmth  
Through windows —nostrils of sleepings dragons—  
Steaming ice puddles on frame and clapboard into  
Wishful spiralling clouds of nothingness.

– Amy Hughes '93



– Keith Chapman '95