

dormant

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the only mediator
between the bottoms of your toes
and the sting of cold snow
is a pair of thick rubber boots

Can you hear another creature's breath
in the absence of your own?



do not add to the noise.

you are not required to speak
nor hum
nor breathe

even breathing may be too loud

take from the quiet

sweet privilege

of rest

will be rewarded

with strong roots

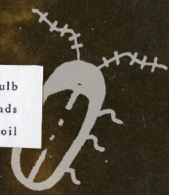
round bulb
Held in firm hands
of frozen soil

water stopped

in frozen roots
in frozen routes

inhabit
and
inhere
whether the world sees you or not

as of now, even sleeping
you are valued
you are important
and you are loved



floating in fluid
buried under bark
fixed in frozen soil

eyes unopened
limbs unfledged
exoskeleton unformed

Unapologetically rest until you are ready

your fetal legs will stretch soon
and they will grow to hold your weight
and it may take months or years
but god, it will be worth it

