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When I see men fall
Under the ice
The white ice
I think of you

You were the first

With blackened
Broken hands
Clawing at
The water

You meant the most

The others
slipped away
You struggled
for the shore

There was hate in your eyes

And when I sip
Mulled wine
In the cold
January mornings

I dream of the way you died