

# February

## Xerxes

I threw your keys in the water, I looked back  
They'd frozen halfway down in the ice  
They froze up so quickly, the keys and their owners  
Even after the anger, it all turned silent  
And the everyday turned solitary, so we came to February  
First we forgot where we'd planted those bulbs last  
year  
And then we forgot that we'd planted it all  
Then we forgot what plants are altogether  
And I blamed you for my freezing and forgetting  
And the nights were long and cold and scary, can we live through February?  
You know I think Christmas was a  
long red glare  
Shot up like a warning, we gave presents without cards  
And then the snow, and then the snow came  
We were always out shoveling and we dropped to sleep exhausted  
Then we wake up, and it's snowing  
And February was so long that it lasted into March  
And found us walking a path alone together  
You stopped and pointed and you said, "That's a crocus"  
And I said, "What's a crocus?", And you said, "It's a flower"  
I tried to remember, but I said, "What's a flower?"  
You said, "I still love you"  
The leaves were turning as we drove to the hardware store  
My new lover made me keys to the house  
And when we got home, well we just started chopping wood  
Because you never know how next year will be  
And we'll gather all our arms can carry, I have lost to February

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