

DONNA VORREYER

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Surviving a Midwestern Winter

When you are bored with windows  
and eight kinds of anger, each with  
its own knotted scarf, each flustered  
remedy a skinny dip in a frozen sea,

hide in the basement, reveling in  
summer honey, jarred and labeled  
on a makeshift shelf, rows of small  
suns whose amber glass must suffice.

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## ABOUT DONNA VORREYER

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