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Why Not?

Winter hangs in the air
like an unsettled question
I pour into your ear,
nightfall a heavy weight
of warm hands I need.

ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

Laurie Kolp created “Why Not?” from *How to Keep Bees* by Anna Botsford Comstock (1905). About the poem and the process of composing it, Laurie writes:

As always, the words seemed to come together. I started my process by creating word banks based on rhyme, assonance, consonance, etc. I then grouped specific words together and played around with them until they created this poem.

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