

## Winter

At nightfall  
they resumed  
recruiting  
against the  
evening of  
the year,  
teaching its  
dark secret  
under cold cracks  
in the night,  
burning fear  
for warmth  
and light.

*Scrape away  
at the patina  
on your life,  
he instructed them,  
scratch more  
than the  
surface  
and discover  
what's not  
there!*

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