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JAMES BRADFORD
FOR MY FATHER

A man in a white suit
is handsome in the sunlight

Falling behind his eyes
are granite cliffs

Coils of ice
are faster than the eye

Guilt edged pictures
every several frames

White on white

JAMES BRADFORD
WINTER MORNING, ALBUQUERQUE

An old woman in a black coat
turns at Central and Second
and hobbles toward the sun

Ages of crows
have passed through her

Lightly
she steps
into the sky