## The transition from winter to spring Zeke Cambey

Candlesticks in the dark, visions of the cornucopia Holidays with family is something less than utopia Dying once at the dinner table All for a child born in a stable Acquaintances burned to death, and standing tall like naples Only way I don't leave early is if they secure my hands with staples It is inconsequential, my skin will be shed Down the wrong path flowers are led Sprouting from snow banks, they are no longer dead Leaves grow from the nape of my neck All my life rests on the cut of this deck Yea, I unloaded the dishes, just give me a sec Better yet why don't you get up and give it a check? Maybe we will repaint the house next? The rainstorms reduce me to wreck Hopefully soon the river will take me I've fallen like leaves, somebody will rake me Before my skin grows metal It's a chore my kin snows metal Perhaps one day, I would finally let her

Instructions for readin' (Do not read until you have read the poem at least once)

Close your eyes and imagine a poem being read to you
Read the poem to yourself while imagining the poem being read to you
Think about reading the poem out loud
Read the poem...DO NOT READ IT OUT LOUD
Pat your head while rubbing your stomach
Read it again. Has anything changed?
Add your own line to commemorate the experience
Laugh out of the absurdity of the whole situation

