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Ultrasound

The best quiet I ever knew
was in the igloo my father built
in the giant pile of snow
from the winter's snowfalls
we believe looms so large over
our paltry storms of today.

Inside her womb
A shushing silence.
I think of this as the wand
passes over my wife's swollen belly
and a heartbeat hum of my son
to be born leaving the warmth of
her mom to this unquiet world.

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