Snow-Kissed Kelly Esparza

The air scrapes against my bare skin, turning my hands and cheeks rosy. I watch as a silent symphony of serenity plays around me, a fantasy encased. I'm walking in this snow globe called winter. Time slows; Time breathes in this moment. While I inhale my gift from Jack Frost, I exhale Peace and Joy. Stuck in today, snow-soaked from my boots to my knees, I keep trudging forward, until Snow invites me to take a rest. *Thank you*. Falling backwards, placing my trust in Snow, I take a moment and watch snowflakes sing from the sky and ice skate on my skin. Jack Frost blows me a kiss from afar. I close my eyes and taste Nostalgia on my tongue.

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