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#### **Snow Blight**

Melissa Knox

This selection is paired with "Snow White" by the Brothers Grimm

She lies in a glass coffin in front of the ex-husbands, poisoned apple disposed of, antidote administered Any minute now she'll wake: they watch her rosy cheeks, lovely as Juliet's after the potion that made Romeo think she was dead, but this one is the original Snow White who drifted. Each guy says he must have said, done, thought the wrong thing but if he had it to do all over again, and if instead— Yeah, damn right, want another one?— So the bottle passes from one calloused hand to the next the ice clinks in their glasses they strain away from those unseen fools who wish that they, too, felt loved by these men who so need them like little ghosts, the girls stand, waiting behind the men, sad to see them getting smaller sad to see them staring at those closed eyes and long lashes and rosy, rosy cheeks, the color of love but not the flavor, the smell, or the sound of it, these less pretty patient ones (They could use a little awakening themselves) Don't dare to flare up but whisper, pale as Pre-Raphaelites, longing to run fingers through the hair of their beloveds, who sit aging and balding, shrinking until one day, they disappear