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## Legal Cession

Notwithstanding  
the eight-inch snowfall,  
my back is sore and humorless.

Heretofore  
I found it manly  
to tough out the shovel,

lift nature to  
one side and range  
white artfully along trim rows.

Thereunto  
did I suffer from  
vigorous man's delusion,

which appertaining  
I now cede  
*mens in corpore*

to the alienee  
of youthful exuberance.

Hereinafter  
shall the neighbor boy  
who came knocking earlier

assume all future  
rights and responsibilities

to the aforesaid  
snow, ice,  
and vertebrae.