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In the remnant world, across half-frozen canals, 
even the draft horses were lifted upon wide wooden stools. 
Swans hugged the glass collar of a sawed off ice block; 
hills of bare, pendant branches enclosed the painted water like a net.

_I am skating on this unfinished lens, _
_balancing my weight against its plate of metal._

Who sweeps that green 
rim with the marvelous, polishing wheel, 
bathing its stained edges 
in the jeweler’s wooden bucket 
of ice-water?