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Imagine, like so many who live
invisible lives, you had to carry your water
each day. Five gallons in a jerry can for five miles.
It's a simple formula: shoulder the burden
or die of thirst. In this way, you might
learn the meaning of what bearing
a handful of water
truly means.

Gurfa (Arabic, noun): the amount of water than can be held in one hand.

Waterfalls

Katia G. Karadjova

The lazy winter was still outside.
Somebody, push her in the chest
and make her go away
with all the white quietness
and icicles of dreams
over dripping memories.

Dream of dancing over the rainbow,
sliding down,
and getting lost in the colors.

Burst of fireworks
and
thunder. Waterfalls.

My brothers found a hole in the sun.
My sisters detected a leak in the rainbow.
All the colors got messed up.

The rain pressed charges against me
for dreaming incorrectly.

They suspended the water for my tears.