Snow Falling on Spruce Head

I walked yesterday in dusk's twirling snow Dropping on brown ice and plant skeletons From our icebound cove to the post office With only TV screens revealing life.

The mail had already left for the day So there was no need to be out alone Other than my compulsion to be sure That my valentines were en route to friends

And my inner child wanting to immerse Every part of me in nature's largesse When ice, not people, presented danger And even the chickadees were absent.

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