A Lesson for the Impatience in Me

Plant a seed and watch it grow.
Though it may be veiled in snow,
give it time. The snow will melt.
Play the hand that you are dealt.

Seeds know well what they must do:
open up and power through.
Seeds know well there is no race.
Plant a seed and give it space.

You don’t know when seeds will sprout.
Back off some, and you’ll find out.
Though this labor’s drab and slow,
plant a seed and watch it grow

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