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MONSTERS OF THE FIFTIES

Some decades ago reports
of the Abominable Snowman
began to register in
Disney comics and the Goon Show.

The name
said it all,

abominable!

And why a 'snow
man'?

It was a mystery
Mickey Mouse thought about and
Donald Duck
investigated.

Why did word spread
so far that in every house
pages turned to disclose
shadows of a colossal footprint
across the snow?

No one got to meet
or speak
with him.

Perhaps because
snowmen melt away
he chose to
disappear

whereas the Loch Ness Monster
made his way into pictures

if it was him.

M. BROWN

SECOND LESSON ON THE TRANSIT OF LOVE

I had hoped to hear footsteps
along the dark park way
but the beating of a heedless heart
echoed the length of my restless bed,
making my bones hum until
the birds exploded for miles around.

HEATHER CAM

SLEEPING ALONE

Lying in the dark,
my pale white-knuckled heart and me,
in the wide bed,
lying with the memory
of the curve of your body
adrift, asleep, elsewhere.