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## The Frost Blue Coat

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**When clothes substitute for dreams, hopes  
& people, we snuggle into them and feel  
their warmth, says a poet.**

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**T** wasn't meant to be mine,  
the size XL on sale for half its price  
was, at best, oversized.

It shone like impenetrable frost  
pasted on white petals of autumn trees,  
as the lanky model sold to me  
some of her emaciation.

I took a risk, either size could shrink  
or the expense could bite, but  
I gave in to the temptation.

It hasn't left my skin since,  
except for times it goes for a wash.

In my wardrobe, chilly fur coats  
compete with tartan wool trench coats,  
never once taken off the hangers  
this winter, and I doubt, anytime soon.

What I ever truly wanted were warm hugs  
and now I don't need a man.

I wear the coat, it wraps me around  
like fathers embracing daughters  
without judgements.

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