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# JANUARY

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it is january again.  
i have lived through 20 january's up until this point,  
i sense time's passage in the underlying patterns –  
not the flipping of the calendar pages  
nor the closed booklet of open-ended resolutions,  
the rote return of realization,  
the onward marching.  
the glance towards my hands;  
four fortune lines with new paths emerging  
like snake bends in river beds carved by weathering time.  
i still look like me in january the way i did in december  
as i look in the mirror,  
considering all i have dragged into the new doorway;  
deadweight from my past that i will  
resolve, forever again, to outrun  
when next january comes.

