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## **Abstract**

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## A BOWL OF WINTER DAFFODILS

My flighty girls  
Ungainly reaching up on

Tiptoe stems, turning about  
Their slow lovely

Faces like the blind.  
Their lemon cotton dresses

Pleated and frilled,  
They would like to

Dance, but the cold blasting  
Air would frazzle and snap them,

Flash out their lights,

Leaving me at the panes  
In a dark season's room.