## **Eighteen Inches**

## **The Lawrence Arms**

Face down on the ground Storm clouds lie in white snow piles all around I don't know if I can make it through One more winter in this town

Voted worst in show the last two years Got a refill on my tears Another bottle Of foam-yellow clear

An old man twitching on the train Reminds us of mortality The snow everywhere Reminds us of the rain

And my burned and brittle skin Cracked and blistered in the wind Is testament to repetition As the impossible happens again

So, what's your New Year's resolution? Take off those ten unsightly pounds The snow is piling higher And your face is growing closer to the ground

Raising your glass at the office party Photocopy your secretary's ass It's no more pathetic Than our self righteously self important tasks

Of barfing rhetoric on shiny table tops As our collars and turtlenecks choke us right there in the coff ee shops Winter will not wait for you Ironically, your worst fear has come true

Pontification means nothing

When I woke up and looked around I found my dreams had melted into dirty puddles on the ground