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## January

Bashar Jabbour

"Did we make a mistake?"  
I whispered loud enough, only I could hear  
Hulking wheels  
heavy footed airstrip of Pearson  
snow-covered fields, infinite  
this country is something infinite  
The way it has learned  
to take and take  
and take  
taught to take,  
into infinity  
Infinity of the 401  
The infinity of its traffic

My father repeats the question,  
"did we make a mistake?"  
As we are staring into the infinite claustrophobia

of an empty apartment

walls echoing  
nervous heartbeats  
carpets mellowing  
foreign names  
windows overlooking  
infinite suburbia  
taught  
to take  
and take  
and take