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"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