

Prayer

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I've heard of scuba divers in frozen lakes
with tow lines up to snow machines, idling in the sun.

These divers turn upside down, inflate their vests
to press their feet tight against the underbelly of the ice.

With that false tug of gravity in place, the illusion is complete
and they can signal for a pull from up above.

They skate, I've heard, across the bottom of the ice and then,
like me, follow their breath bubbles down: To fall up through
a hole into the sky.