

Honorable Mention - Adult Category

Cele Bona

Gurnee

in the blank time

when days
arrive
as snow

without sky
sun
stars

after a child
dies

a white
tomb builds
piece by geometric

piece mute as
ice you let it
climb your body

as it would
a fence

inside grief
you turn and turn

rump up knees
tucked thumb in your
mouth searching

for a place
on your tongue
not sore