

## AURORA BOREALIS GHAZAL

—after artist Denise Weaver Ross's art "Aurora Borealis"

Arctic party blazes blue and green with polar bears.  
Velvet multi-colored hues—a dream of polar bears.

Bearing fur of brilliant white and fading shades of blue,  
seeking bearded seals on frozen seas—sleek polar bears.

Twisting braids, kaleidoscopic night—the boreal  
aurora pours a frozen light-stream over polar bears.

Blue, maroon and golden shadows trace pastel stick's sweep,  
draw a lazy A for arctic that leans with polar bears.

Angel lifts aurora borealis-feathered wings.  
With love, her purple-tattooed fingers preen the polar bears.

Icy stars sail motley sky of blue and purple shapes,  
mirror angelic diamond heart, gleam on polar bears.

Three women, their green hair aflame, kneel in brilliant dresses.  
Do they pray to arctic angel? Plead for polar bears?

Change in climate shrinks the ice caps, glaciers calve and melt.  
Raven-tears wept for the future—I keen for polar bears.

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