

## Oriental Octet

### Mountain Passes

Cinder-covered snow  
mounds on mountainside road.  
melt open white mouths- gaping.  
Metal net restrains the dark  
stone. A snow-covered mountain  
checkerboard. Checkmate.  
Silver poles glare at headlights.  
Snow cushions roadside.

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