

## Solzhenitsyn

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“Men have forgotten God, that’s why all this has happened.”

If I were to write poems  
like a train on parallels to Siberia, past  
onion domes, aspiring jazz stars,  
in samizdat basements,  
zigzags of proletarian taxis, busy streets,  
lunches including inexpensive meats,  
smuggled ouzo,  
would I write every poem  
that is forbidden to exist?

Snow falls beside abandoned cathedrals.

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