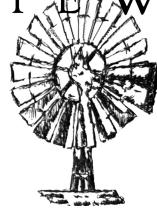


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Angel Fire, New Mexico

by Mary Cimarolli

At daybreak
winter sky's goose-down
spills white, flaky feathers to swaddle the earth,
and pond lies frozen beneath the froth.
The forest wakens from darkness,
and stone wall masquerades as peaks of white meringue.

By afternoon
winds swell and lift the snowflakes
to announce a stand of trees.
Warrior-like, wind howls its power.
Soon, arms of evening will soothe it to sleep.

Sun pulls the darkling shade.
Moon sweeps over quiescent sphere,
and starlight angels fire the night.
In the still outdoors, like Faust, I murmur,
“Stay, golden moment. Stay.”



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