The Sheltie, chest deep in drifts, thorows his head back, barks thanks to the sky.

The Golden twirls with glee, breaks into runs and tumbles – explosions of snow!

We emerge, blinking. Sunlight unleashes color's spectrum from a canvas of white.

Miter the Storm

bright stars touching as if light-years were nothing.

Inside, warmth, white wine. Four women, our lives expanding and contracting;

Winter winds stir whorls of white constellations in the streetlight.

Constellation

along the wind at our backs ghosting over our footfalls.

> hover above clouds suspended in limbs of tall birches

in feathered ferns unfurling along the fieldstone wall

The Way Snow Drifts

Bones tell the mind, living will be harder now, these months will endure as if forever.

Brittle winds shatter against skin. Pale sun relinquishes late day light to night.

Sunset, Four Thirty

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## Christmas Eve, The Hill

How the tall fir feathers the sky.

The trees wait barely breathing fragile bones trembling.

That blue could be this pale.