

# Meteorology

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## **Seasonal Surprise**

We grow accustomed to the heat  
so the chill of late October comes

as a surprise. A happy surprise.  
But the sweaters and light jackets

are hidden deep behind the shorts  
and short sleeves. We shiver finding

what we need to trap metabolic heat  
and shelter summer skin from wind.

## **Winter Mix**

Among the raindrops  
occasional plopping snowflakes.  
Nothing accumulates  
but wet and miserable.

## **Snowfall a Little North of Dallas**

The small snow decorates the air,  
accumulates on car tops and sidewalks,  
provides a topic of conversation.

Its rarity here excites  
the wide-eyed five year old

in all of us stuck in offices

far from hearth and cocoa  
this not quite last day of February,  
two thousand and fifteen.

### **A Clearing**

Sunlight sparkles on the puddles.  
After a week of rain, a clarity.

