

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.

