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for

*Winter*



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# WINTER

Drawn in by the deathly whispers  
comes she in deepened stir.

Shrill cry of icy bitterness,  
naught believes it has occurred.

For yonder times of smile and skin  
now buried deep beneath.

The haunting winds flee scurrying creatures  
as snow invades the heath.

Tall oaks stripped bare of leaf and twig  
though proud, ought not to stand.

Her merciless grip leaves hostile traces,  
globe bows down to command.

She swoops and soars, attacks at will,  
thunder 'luminates the grey.

She dims the sky with shining wand,  
our slumber no delay.

Her wand away and will at hand  
she ponders disarray.

Who leaves to let the sun peek out  
shall return another day

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