

Sunbelt Winter Sketches

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January Bait and Switch Haiku

The day deceives with
bright sun and blue sky-- warmth that
cold wind slaps away.

Arctic Cold Wave Haiku

North wind needles bared
skin at cheeks, ears and fingers.
Damned Texas wardrobe.

Sublimation, Fire

Sunlight and the small wind
swallow the frost
on rooftops and windshields

but winter's tongue still finds
the bare and thin-clad skin
and licks with chilling fire.

Winter Avenue Haiku

A powder of snow
slithers in the whetted wind
down the avenue.

