

# 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.

