

A Winter's Day

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Taking a walk

on a stunning Northern California winter's day
a teasing, tantalizing morsel of spring
the sky a flawless blue,
the sun inviting and healing
a day begging for short sleeves and sunglasses
barren tree limbs practically stretching
like purring cats basking on a window seat
I pull down my mask stealing a breath
treasuring this break from reality
seeking to forget the incessant news stream
as our country poises precariously
on an inflection point
haunted by the recent events in the Capitol
will they remain a tear in our fabric
which can never be mended
or can we as a nation unite
striving in common purpose
a time to reflect and pray
for our country
for our future
dangling over a precipice
on a sunny winter's day

