



Wintry World
Wilmington, North Carolina
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Until Blooms Come

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Stepping into morning
with air crisp and cold
and the wind sighing
through the trees.

Footsteps seem intrusive
in this wintry world
where not even bird
or animal stir.

I stand amidst a world
devoid of color and remember . . .
a time of warmth when
nature was at its fullest.

But not so today
for now, it is only a memory –
a fond remembrance until
blooms come again.