



*Wanting a Bird*  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
Photo by Dan Hardison

## Weather Note

*By David Morton*

The snow has gone,  
But the naked tree  
Has yet no bird  
For us to see:

Against the sky  
The tree stands tall,  
Wanting a bird,  
Shapely and small,

To break the lean  
Black bough austere, –  
And break the frozen  
Silence, here,

With a spring note,  
Startling as thunder,  
On ears awaiting  
That first wonder.