

I Want to Celebrate Winter

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I want to celebrate winter,

Celebrate the cold

Laying like iron

On the land,

To wrap myself in colored layers

Of cotton, fleece, and wool,

After endless, yellow days

Of bare, brown skin.

I want to stand in the quiet, heavy darkness

As neighbors settle early

With their books

By their fires

After so many months of toiling

In the long shadows of evening,

Hostage to their harvests,