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Dustings of snow on the high mountaintop
The wind blows gracefully through golden leaves
The smell of winter blows in on the breeze
A familiar feeling as snowflakes drop
Fire blazes in cast iron wood stoves
The wood is stacked neatly under the deck
The hockey players practice their crosscheck
And the sea ice returns to ocean coves.
Winter has come to Alaska again
The long and dark and very cold nights
Seem to seep and creep through the window pane
The only reprieve is the northern lights
Auroral dances betray the arcane
And warm the spirits gripped by winter's might.

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