

Snow Day

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Today we woke up to a _____ Noun of snow,

its white flag waving over everything,

the landscape vanished,

not a single mouse to punctuate the _____ Noun,

and beyond these windows

the government buildings smothered,

schools and libraries buried, the post office lost

under the _____ Adjective drift,

the paths of trains _____ Adverb blocked,

the world fallen under this falling.

In a while, I will put on some boots

and step out like someone walking in _____ Noun,

and the dog will _____ Verb through the drifts,

and I will shake a laden branch

sending a cold shower down on us both.

But

for now I am a willing Noun in this house,

a sympathizer with the Adjective cause of snow.

I will make a pot of tea

and listen to the plastic radio on the counter,

as glad as anyone to hear the news

that the Kiddie Corner School is closed,

the Noun School, closed.

the All Aboard Children's School, closed,

the Hi-Ho Nursery School, closed,

along with--some will be delighted to hear--

the Toadstool School, the Little School,

Little Sparrows Nursery School,

Little Stars Pre-School, Peas-and-Carrots Day School

the Tom Thumb Child Center, all closed,

and--clap your hands--the Peanuts Play School.

So this is where the children hide all day,

These

are the Noun Plural where they letter and draw,
where they put on their bright miniature jackets,
all Verb Present ends in ING and climbing and sliding,
all but the few girls whispering by the fence.

And now I am listening hard
in the grandiose silence of the snow,
trying to hear what those three girls are plotting,
what Noun is afoot,
which small Noun is about to be brought down.