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Haiku about winter phenomena

Winter

By Maggie Culver Fry

Midwinter shower
pockmarking the meadow pond
as it scurries by

Grains from last year's crop
bursting into heated dance...
white popcorn blossoms.

Red-cheeked country boy
filling the kitchen woodbox...
scent of fresh cornbread.

Some Western Oklahomans are Memory

Retrospect

By Fred Thurston

Out of the cold and wind
When the chores are done,
No more chapped hands and lips
When the chores are done.
When the chores are done,
Back to the warmth of a friendly fire,
The dog by the door, the kerosene in,
And a newspaper over the high front-door window —
When the chores are done
Outside the wind is cold
And fights you every step
Wonder if Daddy made it to work
Inside the wind makes music
Through the wires, the tree,
And the corner of the house,
When the chores are done
A lamp on the table,
Hoecakes and syrup
And the Fireside Hour —
When the chores are done
Mother writing a letter to Sister,
Winding the clock, sewing, reading,
Helping with arithmetic
When the chores are done

Now deluxe is gone —
The stove, iron, firestove,
Lamp and musical wind are gone —
Also gone is that feeling
When the chores are gone