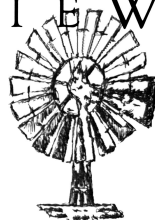


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*Haiku about winter phenomena*

*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