

# Winter Friendship

Eyes pulled through  
partially opaque  
gravity defying  
droplets on glass,  
to wind bent trees  
slashed by fingers  
of penetrating rain,  
Darkness fogs  
the window  
that resolutely  
shuts off the wintery blast,  
battle sounds of  
rattled metal roof rain.

Inside  
time suspends,  
lights dimmed to  
unwind level,  
music tiptoes softly  
from the playlist,  
heat pump gurgles  
drifting new heat  
into the chattering,  
relaxing gathering,  
one pair couch facing,  
leaning towards  
talking intently

a third drops cautiously near  
sitting on the floor  
and is accepted  
with body angle changes,  
men's group standing  
shoulder conversation circle  
sharing laughter,  
another on the window seat  
temporarily withdrawn  
mobile text conversation  
pulling her between  
the unseen and seen  
the away and the now,  
nibble creators  
bustle in bright kitchen  
chattering preparations.

Friends gathered,  
a mix of memories  
coalescing into the moment,  
a chameleon atmosphere of  
moods, talk, thoughts  
intermingle, rise and fall.

I stretch my  
satisfied cat soul,  
in lazy camaraderie warmth.