

## Snow

### Sleeping at Last

The branches have traded their leaves for white sleeves  
All warm-blooded creatures make ghosts as they breathe  
Scarves are wrapped tightly like gifts under trees  
Christmas lights tangle in knots annually

Our families huddle closely  
Betting warmth against the cold  
But our bruises seem to surface  
Like mud beneath the snow

So we sing carols softly, as sweet as we know  
A prayer that our burdens will lift as we go  
Like young love still waiting under mistletoe  
We'll welcome december with tireless hope

Let our bells keep on ringing  
Making angels in the snow  
May the melody disarm us  
When the cracks begin to show

Like the petals in our pockets  
May we remember who we are  
Unconditionally cared for  
By those who share our broken hearts

The table is set and our glasses are full  
Though pieces go missing, may we still feel whole  
We'll build new traditions in place of the old  
'cause life without revision will silence our souls

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As gentle as feathers, the snow piles high  
Our world gets rewritten and retraced every time  
Like fresh plates and clean slates, our future is white  
New year's resolutions will reset tonight