

SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Winter Weather

1919
D. H. [unclear]

“In *winter* we lead a more
inward life. Our *hearts*
are *warm* and *cheery*, like
cottages under *drifts*”

– Henry David Thoreau, American author

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Snow in the Suburbs

Thomas Hardy

Every branch big with it, 1
Bent every twig with it; 2
Every fork like a white web-foot; 3
Every street and pavement mute: 4
Some flakes have lost their way, and grope back upward when 5
Meeting those meandering down they turn and descend again. 6
The palings are glued together like a wall, 7
And there is no waft of wind with the fleecy fall. 8

A sparrow enters the tree, 9
Whereon immediately 10
A snow-lump thrice his own slight size 11
Descends on him and showers his head and eye 12
And overturns him, 13
And near inurns him, 14
And lights on a nether twig, when its brush 15
Starts off a volley of other lodging lumps with a rush. 16

The steps are a blanched slope, 17
Up which, with feeble hope, 18
A black cat comes, wide-eyed and thin; 19
And we take him in. 20

THOMAS HARDY (1840—1928) was an English writer. While he was more famous for his novels, Hardy considered himself first and foremost a poet.



Suburb Under Snow by Paul Gauguin