

Winter in the south: desert and wetland

Desert Walks:

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Turquoise winter sky
brightens eyes and warms heart but
leaves my feet chilly

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Wind shakes out dark clouds, finds a plump raindrop.
More mess is what comes of wind's cleaning chore.
Lazy housekeeper just pushing the mop,
or do we need more water on Earth's floor?

Delicate petals fade translucent brown,
rain tempts tougher ones to colorful bloom .
Rhinestones on their branches, trees go to town,
grateful desert shrubs say thanks with perfume

Hidden doves coo, sharing news of dry food
Hummingbird enjoys moisture from flower
Cool air puts kestrels in romantic mood
Today's gray rain has healing power.

Sneakers may slip on wet sidewalk and street
still a rainy walk is a desert treat.

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at rest in cool breeze
comma on palo verde
friendly hummingbird

Water Views:

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Not amber and red,
but gold and garnet
living messages
of hope and healing
striped dragonflies glide
over Everglades

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Mama ocean
lets her tears flow on our
scrapes and aches,

and kisses them away.
Even sharp
glass shards from our litter
grow safe, smooth
and lovely in her care.