

Winter Festivities / Jennifer Zimmer-Wilson

Each year we ladder climb at winter sunstead
to lightly brush the falcate moon
watching the migrating birds take flight
to Mozart's harmonic scores

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Streamers fly higher than patterned buntings
floating, catching, spinning top swirls and
what will become of the house on a lean
a balancing act on measuring scales

We try our luck with fishing lines cast
and did you catch a glimpse of the skateboarding duck
navigating the checkered backlands of jewels
a tightrope quiver, faint fluttering sound

Drift boats carry our family, one and all
as the elm branches climb lighter and curl
preparing for the quiet seasonal leaf fall
memories and hopes coil deep in earth's cool

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(Inspired by Winter Festivities etching by Christina Cordero)