Winter Garden

Slumbering in subtle colors
Furled and folded
Bud and leaf
Quiet miracle of springtime
Waits in catkin, sheath and twig.

Circle, cycle autumn's ending
In beginning
Blade and spear
To the will of earth submitting
Corm and tuber, bulb and root.

Still in stillness frozen garden
Ringing, brittle,
Crystal earth.
Vernal life awaits its season
Locked in darkness lost to light.

Turning earth and sun's returning
Everlasting
Ritual.
Rhythm, rhyme and nature's reason
Overcoming all despair.

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