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# Country Road Resplendence

Photo by Spiri Howard, Pennsylvania

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Snow dropped onto a chilly night.
The old red barn stood silently,
Picturesque in tranquility
Flanked by trees, impressively dressed
That touched the sky at earth's request.

I stopped in awe of the majestic sight,
Wrapping the barn with greying light.
Nature's beauty was at its best,
Undisturbed and alone at rest-
Glimmering jewel in shades of ice,
A winter veil of paradise.

Today, I traveled peacefully
Noticing earth's placidity.
Tomorrow, I journey once again
With notebook in hand and my pen,
Capturing winter's hushed sunrise-
Earth-inspired, morning surprise.

**1st Draft**

Enveloped in a quilt of white,
Snow dropped onto a winter night
Lightly traveled road called out-
Whispered softly, not to shout.
Red barn beckoned silently ???
To travelers of the county.
Trees, majestically dressed,
touched the sky at earth's request.
Frozen pillars softly sang,
"Come follow me" as bells rang (edit this line)
See nature's beauty at its best-
crystal masterpiece in shades of ice,
a winter veil of paradise. ??? veiled in a winter white paradise ???
Tomorrow, the snow sun will rise
with a hopeful new surprise.
The glistening snow on that day,will
Beckon us to come out and play

A glimmer sparkles, while eager feet
Pounce upon its sheath
Little and large, deep and shallow
Blending into a circus of fun
Families laugh
Children giggle
Nature enjoys the noise of joy

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2nd Draft - trying for each line to hold 8 syllables like Frost's Stopping by Woods…
I reworked this many times through my process of word weaving.

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NOTE:
After much time spent revising, I decided that our collaborative effort will consist of three stanzas of three couplets each with eight syllable lines.
I am going to create an image poem using Buncee or FotoJet.

*Carol Varsalona*

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The animated Buncee Designed by Carol Varsalona can be viewed at https://app.edu.buncee.com/buncee/24E5143FC2FA46739FB12686F17A071C