

## The Outsider

Outside, he sees the warm and happy inside  
celebrating the holidays.  
Moaning in despair, he longs to go in,  
but he will not be invited.  
In desperation, he bangs against the window  
making it rattle in its frame.  
He pries at the shutters and pulls one loose  
causing it to madly bang.  
He gains fearful glances, scratching  
at the window with a bare branch.  
He knows the reluctants must soon leave  
and bides his time.  
There – one putting on his coat;  
the wait is almost over.  
He quiets down, gives them false security,  
then rushes when the door cracks.  
Forcing the door wide, he triumphantly  
blows into the warm house.  
Surprised by the entrance, they struggle  
and finally close the door.  
Once again he is shut out.

### About The Poet

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