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The AMS :: ATX blog will be going dark for a few weeks for winter break, so we hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday season.

### ***The Snowfall is So Silent***

*The snowfall is so silent,  
so slow,  
bit by bit, with delicacy  
it settles down on the earth  
and covers over the fields.  
The silent snow comes down  
white and weightless;  
snowfall makes no noise,  
falls as forgetting falls,  
flake after flake.  
It covers the fields gently  
while frost attacks them  
with its sudden flashes of  
white;*



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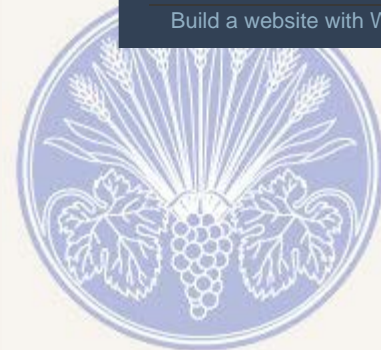
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*covers everything with its pure  
and silent covering;  
not one thing on the ground  
anywhere escapes it.  
And wherever it falls it stays,  
content and gay,  
for snow does not slip off  
as rain does,  
but it stays and sinks in.  
The flakes are skyflowers,  
pale lilies from the clouds,  
that wither on earth.  
They come down blossoming  
but then so quickly  
they are gone;  
they bloom only on the peak,  
above the mountains,  
and make the earth feel heavier  
when they die inside.  
Snow, delicate snow,  
that falls with such lightness  
on the head,  
on the feelings,  
come and cover over the  
sadness  
that lies always in my reason.*

*Miguel de Unamuno*

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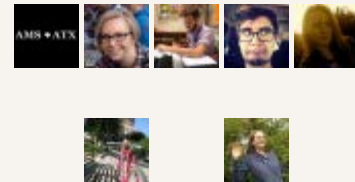
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