

# DECIMETERS

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## INTRODUCTION

The following poem entitled "Snowflakes" is part of a 10 poem volume of poetry composed by Efren Paredes, Jr. named "Decimeters."

"Snowflakes" was selected by the International Library of Poetry in 2006 for publication in the book "Immortal Verses". According to the International Library of Poetry Efren's poem was selected on the basis of his "unique talent and artistic vision."

In April 2006 Efren was also nominated as poet of the year by the International Society of Poets and will be formally inducted July 20-23, 2006 as an International Poet of Merit and Honored Member of the International Society of Poets for 2006-2007.

Due to his incarceration Efren will be unable to attend the 20th Anniversary International Society of Poets Convention and Symposium. If Efren were able to attend the event he would be presented with an International Outstanding Achievement in Poetry 13-inch crystal award trophy, and a bronze Commemorative Award Medallion to commemorate his poetic accomplishments.

Another of Efren's poems which appears in "Decimeters" was published in the University of Michigan Creative Writing Workshop's 2005 United Nations World Environmental Day anthology, "A Crack in the Concrete." Efren wrote the poem, "Naturicide" for the topic "The absence of nature in prison."

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# Snowflakes

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Crystallized water drops  
that fall from the sky  
Their layers form pillows  
which dazzle our eyes.

They summon the children  
to go out and play  
To enjoy making snowmen  
on a cold Winter day.

Captivate the cherubs  
with their opulent glow  
They sparkle like diamonds  
display a marvelous show.

Sunlight glistens radiantly  
generating jubilant awe  
Bouncing and dashing  
between snowflakes that fall.

Their elegant travel  
so methodical and slow  
Fashion delicate blankets  
on the earth down below.

Each snowflake unique  
like expressions of love  
Their presence is vibrant  
the semblance of doves.

Symbols of purity  
cleanse the crisp, frigid air  
Next time you see them  
treat them gently, with care.