

LaCharta

Holiday Delay

Unexpected winter snowstorm
keeps us inside, covered up warm.
Finals canceled, stuck in the dorm
and housebound shoppers cannot swarm.
No salt. Snow plows can't scatter sand.
Few crews and equipment on hand.

Vehicles stay at home snowbound.
Few tire tracks or footprints found.
Snow keeps falling without a sound.
Window watchers see snowdrifts mound.
Meetings canceled as well as schools.
Ice, snow smothers as our town cools.

For week, weather maintained its grip.
Wondered of Santa could make trip.
Rooftops snow-locked. Icicles drip.
Holiday events we will skip.
Temperature rises with sun,
much to relief of everyone.

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1. Minimum of three stanzas. No maximum.
2. Each stanza six lines.
3. Syllable Count: 8 per line. Iambic tetrameter preferred. Example just 8 syllables.
4. Rhyme Scheme: a-a-a-a-b-b, c-c-c-c-d-d, e-e-e-e-f-f etc.
5. Charta in Latin means poem.