

# Winter

Poem By: Judie Eberhardt

The air is brisk and the wind is cold  
The stars are shining so bright and bold  
The snow has begun to pile up high  
Only gray clouds are in the sky.

The pond is frozen deep and hard  
There's even a frozen puddle in my backyard  
I grab my skates and head out the door  
Only to slip and fall to the floor!

I pick myself up and put on my coat  
I remember to sign the note that I wrote  
The note said out for a very quick skate  
After that I flew out the gate.

My feet whirled up and all around  
I landed a high jump safe and sound  
My nose became a very bright red  
Maybe I should have chosen my sled.

Now my body has a great winter chill  
But the skating and jumping is such a thrill  
Winter temperatures can get really low  
But to skating on the pond, I'll never say no!



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  - C. Out the gate
  - D. Down the street
  
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  - C. Purple
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