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**2023 Winter Solstice -- 10 Days Gone**

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**Reflections: Ten Days Beyond the Winter Solstice**

Clouds in sky, timbered hills, all stretched on a placid  
Beaver Lake.

A year gone by, & a new one in the wings.....

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This season my mind turns to a Wallace Steven poem:

**The Snow Man**

One must have a mind of winter  
To regard the frost and the boughs  
Of the pine-trees crusted with snow;

And have been cold a long time  
To behold the junipers shagged with ice,  
The spruces rough in the distant glitter

Of the January sun; and not to think  
Of any misery in the sound of the wind,  
In the sound of a few leaves,

Which is the sound of the land  
Full of the same wind  
That is blowing in the same bare place

For the listener, who listens in the snow,  
And, nothing himself, beholds  
Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.

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Wishing you and yours great peace + joy in the  
year to come.....Kernel

