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January 26: 28 Degrees and a Bright Red Sunshine

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This morning the Lord himself went out among the trees of the town
and after brushing them with a coat of white enamel
took a bucket of paint from a different shelf
and topped off the taller trees in an iridescent magenta.
Of course the blackbirds thought it a dandy thing,
and the trees themselves gave him a hand,
but one school-marm angel, prim and proper,
who knew this was not the way things were done,
grabbed a can of standard white and quickly slapped it
on the tops of the tall bright trees.

Down below, an earth-bound pilgrim
walked to work with snow on the knees of his trousers.