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"Frost is on the land at last, the stiff rime of it dusted across the grass, treacherous on the stones, exquisite along each vein of the skeleton leaf."

- Donald Culross Peattie

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