

IT'S DECEMBER NOW..

It's December now, and gone are the spectacular shades of Autumn And the pungent smell of rotting berries in the crunchy carpet of leaves

Gone, too are the last vestiges of newness in a blossom or a blade of grass

All blanketed now in chilly white fluff, putting to rest every living thing

Whose home is outdoors, to slumber and reawaken in the dawn of Spring It's now, when sitting at a desk, or walking down a corridor or lying in a bed

That sweet memories dance across our minds, with little heed to routine day

They dart and hide and make us chuckle as they reappear in our mind's eye

A hint of smile on our faces, the telltale clue that a good time was remembered

And not even the difficulties of a painful day can claim control over thoughts

As memory clasps hands with imagination in a magic, liberating partnership

Allowing us to escape the dull, dark prisons of our stark, confining realities

Our spirits soar on high with happy thoughts that give us momentary respite

Remembering someone's kindness, another's love, a friend's gentle comforting

Taking pleasure in the moment - sweet music, laughter, a child's beguiling smile

The joy of Christmas, having loved ones close, and remembering those who aren't

Sharing special moments with friends, rekindling friendships by card and call

These gifts will sustain us till Winter skips town and Spring returns to play