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Rain tap dances on my roof
keeping rhythm to the beat
of thunder
My antique tea cups
rattle in their mahogany cabinet
Black smoke rises
from the kerosene lamp
My rocker creaks
as I sip orange spice tea
from a Victorian cup
Snow clogs my T.V. screen
so I'm entertained
with a game of solitaire
dog curled at my feet
I feel secure But you can get lonely
and a dog can't help that.

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