

Contents

Introduction	9
Ice Flowers I	19
Delicate Metamorphosis (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "Brief an Knebel")	22
"Und dabei sind sie tot" (Thomas Mann, <i>Doktor Faustus</i>)	31
Windows 1839 (Ludwig Tieck, "Des Lebens Überfluß")	36
Ice Flowers II	47
The Small is the Large (Adalbert Stifter, <i>Nachsommer</i> , Barthold Heinrich Brockes, "Die gefrorenen Fenster")	47
"Wundersame Pflanzenwelt" (Felix Braun, "Die Eisblume," Stefan George, "Verjäherte Fahrten")	52
Artificial Paradise (Rainer Maria Rilke, <i>Die Aufzeichnungen des Malte Laurids Brigge</i>)	58
Petrified Flowers (Robert Walser, "Tiefer Winter")	63
Flakes I	65
Snow Geometry (Johannes Kepler, <i>De nive sexangula</i>)	67
Descartes Meteorologist (René Descartes, <i>Les météores</i>)	75
Visualizations	78
Small Things Considered (Robert Hooke, <i>Micrographia</i>)	80

Flakes II	85
Phony Snow (Wilson A. Bentley, Photomicrographs; Barthold Brockes / Balthasar Heinrich Heinsius; Physico-Theology)	85
Beauty in Nature (Immanuel Kant, <i>Kritik der Urteilskraft</i>)	94
The Poets' View (Yves Bonnefoy; Frederick Nims; Erika Burkart; Christian Morgenstern; Francis Thompson; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)	100
Falling	111
Talking up a Storm (Robert Walser, "Schneien"; Joyce, "The Dead")	112
The White Fall (Adalbert Stifter, "Aus dem Bayrischen Walde")	120
Winterreise (Thomas Mann, <i>Der Zauberberg</i>)	129
"Böse Zeiten" (Georg Hermann, <i>Schnee</i>)	139
Bad Weather (Franz Kafka, <i>Das Schloß</i> , "Ein Landarzt", "Der Kübelreiter")	150
Still – Snowed under / Iced over	157
Reading Traces (Karel Čapek, "The Footprint")	159
Between the Uncanny and Melancholia (Friedrich Hebbel, "Der Traum", "Winterlandschaft")	163
Mourning or Melancholia (Gottfried Keller, "Winternacht")	170
Praise of Winter (Conrad Ferdinand Meyer, "Winternähe")	174
The Melancholy Pencil (Max Dauthendey, <i>Der weiße Schlaf</i>)	178
The Snows of Exile (Saint-John Perse, "Neiges")	182
Notes	189
Bibliography	213