



When All Is Cold

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Try to turn up the warmth:
the hot cup of tea, the adoring puppy,
the morning sun through your writing studio window,
the Rumi poems, your healing sauna,
your crispy chocolate chip cookies,
a recipe from your grandma,
and the matzo ball soup from
your long-gone aunt,
the bag of potato chips left unopened,
the pink bathrobe you got for Christmas,
your laptop and the thesaurus
holding all your new words
and the hot shower
that you begin and end your day with.

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