

# Williams, The Hunter in the Snow

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## **The Hunter in the Snow**

William Carlos Williams

The over-all picture is  
winter  
icy mountains  
in the background the  
return

from the hunt it is  
toward evening  
from the left  
sturdy hunters lead in

their pack the inn-sign  
hanging from a  
broken hinge is a stag a  
crucifix

between his antlers the  
cold  
inn yard is  
deserted but for a huge  
bonfire

that flares wind-driven  
tended by  
women who cluster  
about it to the right  
beyond

the hill is a pattern of  
skaters  
Brueghel the painter  
concerned with it all has  
chosen

Pieter Brueghel, Hunters in the Snow (1565)

Oil on canvas, 46 inches x 63.75 inches.

Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.



a winter-struck bush for  
his  
foreground to  
complete the picture

See also:

[John Berryman's "Winter Landscape"](#)

[Walter de la Mare's "Brueghel's Winter"](#)

[Joseph Langland's "Hunters in the Snow: Brueghel"](#)

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