

# Year 2015 – Winter, finally!

Prague, June 21, 2015

After “A Year Without Winter”, my first modest attempt at *haiku*, follow these few verses trying to depict the wintery moods. After a year, it meant also for me return to cross country skis, enabling me to get to most of these places. Despite the warming climate (yes, for the first time, both rosemary and lavender survived on my balcony!), there *was* some snow to be found – mostly in the mountains of course, as well as on the East Coast (where it persisted well into spring). But that would be another story...

Happy summer reading, and please do not shoot neither the writer nor the photographer, he's been doing his best,



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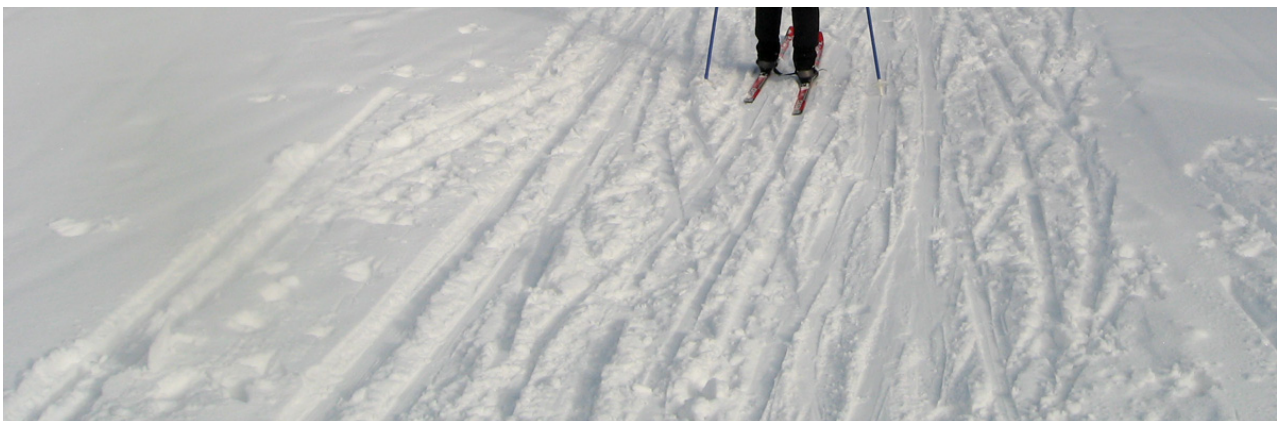
# Klínovec (Keilberg), 24.1. 2015

Low sun in winter  
sparkles on snowy blanket  
crunching under skis

Sometimes low white clouds  
obscure both path and forest-  
Shades of white on white

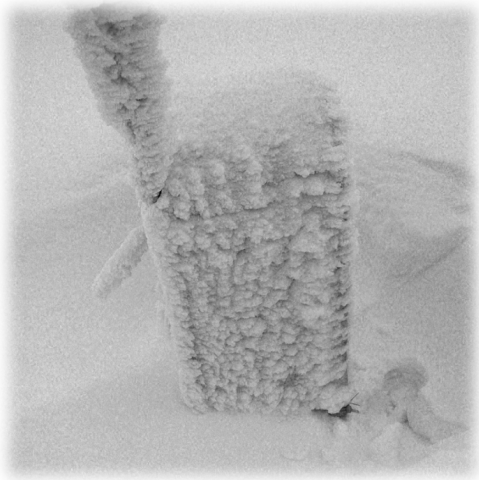


Tracks in powder snow  
looping all around the hill  
through the still forest





# The Ray, Jeseníky, 30.1. 2015



Whitish diffusion  
conceals the hillsides – as well  
as the chair lift up

Up on the hilltop  
wind chases little snowflakes-  
dance of white devils!



One is wondering  
if skiers, who enjoy it  
arrive safely home?

# The Beech, Jeseníky, 1.2. 2015



Snow and cold! Splendid  
time for an expedition  
up to the Mt. Beech

Freshly fallen snow  
muffles steps and falls of our  
merry company

Sliding down by luge  
-but anything else goes, too-  
snow flies all around



# Špindlerův Mlýn, The Giant Mountains, February/March 2015

Sun shines through the clouds  
slowly warming up the white  
plane of glistering ice



Melting it to mush  
snow turns into water on  
needle-covered tracks

It freezes at night-  
winter does not want yet to  
give up its cold reign





# Central Park, New York, February 2015

Among skyscrapers  
erected branches of trees  
are begging for spring

Bellow, on the ground  
cute little squirrels scuttle  
ignoring flowers



Snowy leopards  
walking round and round the pen  
frozen path in snow