

A LITERARY WORD CHAIN

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The November 1970 issue of Word Ways challenged readers to write articles in which the last letter of each word was echoed by the first letter of the next word. A recent blizzard inspired the following poetical word chain:

WINTER REIGNS

Shimmering, gleaming, glistening glow --
Winter reigns, splendiferous snow!
Won't this sight, this stainless scene,
Endlessly yield days supreme?

Eyeing ground, deep piled, delights
Skiers scaling garish heights.
Still like eagles soaring, glide
Eager racers; show-offs slide.

Ecstatic children, noses scarved --
Dancing gnomes, seem magic carved --
Doing graceful leaps. Snowballs,
Swishing globules, sail low walls.

Surely year-end's special lure
Eases sorrow we endure,
Every year renews shared dream,
Memories sweet, that timeless stream.

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