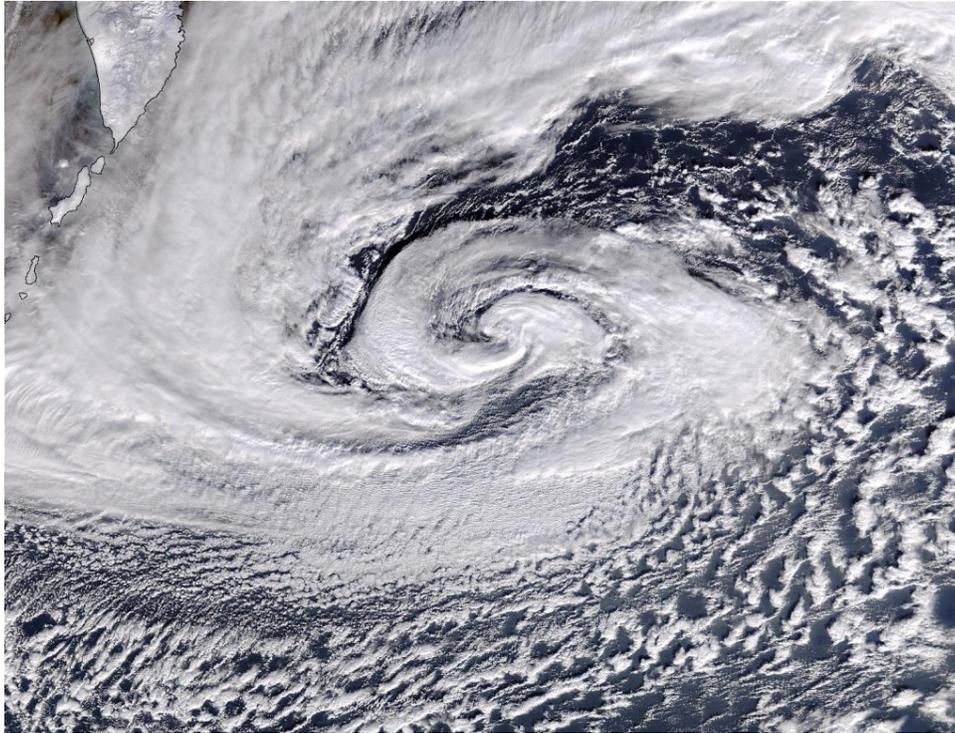


SestinaWatch Vol. 4: Polar Vortex, or, Some Shivery Sestinas

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The polar vortex (the coldest of cyclones) is something like a sestina— a sestina of pure coldness— you know with it’s spirally nature and the repetition of single-digit temperatures day after day. So, I hope you all got or bought copies of *The Incredible Sestina Anthology* to curl up with during this blistery winter even after this vortex has passed through. I have two copies, which is good because I may need to burn one copy for heat because the radiator still hasn’t turned on in my room. [Update: Whoops! Forgot to turn a knob on the radiator. Still cold though.]

The rest of you should keep your copy (or copies) intact, because there are a lot of incredible Incredible Sestina Readings coming up soon and you may want your book signed. We’ll be in Philly on Wednesday. In February, March and April, we’ll be in New Yawk, Cambridge, Chi-town and Worchestah. Of course, we’ll also be on site for AWP 2014 in Seattle. And by we, I mean Dan and the nearest (local) contributors.

In the meantime, I found some great sestinas from all over the internet. As well as something else. See what I mean after the jump.

- Here are two great sestinas by Sarah Miller from the folks over at *The Hairpin*:
 - “[Sestina for an Annoying Publicist](#).”
 - One perfect for the New Years party aftermath: “[Sestina About Hangovers For a 25-Year-Old From a Person Over 40](#).”
- A great sestina about snowy Rochester by Anthony Hecht, hosted by *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*’s Art Drop, “[Sestina d’Inverno](#).”
- How’s this for inside baseball? Here’s a baseball-themed sestina by Kelly Luce hosted over at *Hobart*: “[Chicago Sestina](#).”
- Near, far, wherever you are— or over at *Linebreak*, here’s “[Sestina for Your Dead Heart](#)” by Gregory Sherl.
- Looking for a nice red wine? How about a [Sestina](#) from Avennia? It goes well with meat.