

“Somewhat Okay”

a poem inspired by Suzanne Sheldon’s painting,
Parkers Creek - At the End of the Horse Swamp Trail
by Rachel Heinhorst

Winter is not acting
like the winter I’ve known -

Yes, she spoke to the trees
about their leaves, and they fell,

and I raked and blew
and at one point, wondered,
why not leave them
where they fall -

No matter, I like the idea
of winter coming.

But, it’s sixty degrees
today. I walk the trail,
light, no boots, no hat,
no gloves -

It is January,
and I am somewhat okay
not cold,
but somewhat bothered
that winter is not acting
like the winter I’ve known -