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Thanks For Oregon

Thanks for the sun
whose warm rays
fold over memories of
wooded adventures
splashing water
and fast-paced soccer

Thanks for snow
the tiny flecks that
create moments lasting
long after the final
crystals melt

Thanks for the wind
pushing, twisting, warping
the trees, the plants, the windows
that surround my home
leaving us cozied up inside
sheltered from the gusts

Thanks for rain
who's pounding, pouring, and pit-pattering
surrounds months
and months of my life
the cold kisses on our cheeks
reminding us to appreciate
the moments of warmth

Thanks to Oregon
without whom I'd be deprived
of the wholesome
troublesome, fun-filled, messy
experience of weather.