



Inspired by
**Morning in
Montana**

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The Montana Mountain's Chill (A villanelle inspired by Morning in Montana)

Animals roam free before winter's chill,
The leaves leap from the trees performing ballet
Mountains preparing for skiers to go down their hill.

Baby antelopes are born with a thrill,
Mountain lions watch their prey
Animals roam free before winter's chill.

The blue sky forever stays still,
Antelopes every which way
Mountains preparing for skiers to go down their hill.

The snow falls and the mountaintops shall fill,
Baby Antelopes beg their parents to play
Animals roam free before winter's chill.

The trees wait again for spring's will,
For months at a time the cold air is bound to stay
Mountains preparing for skiers to go down their hill.

Fall's wind blows summer's grass until
Santa comes with his sleigh,
Animals roam free before winter's chill
Mountains preparing for skiers to go down their hill.