Central Park

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Amidst the cold grey buildings of the Manhattan skyline
Is a place of respite from the city streets
It lies friendly and green in summer, filled with the laughter
Of children, lover and the sunshine warms its countenance

Amidst the traffic congestion and blaring horns

Is a place of wonder and magic

It lies golden and bronzed in fall, filled with the wealth

Of nature, cool breezes and leaves bejewel its limbs

Amidst the hurried faces and heartbeat of the city

Is a place of tranquility and peace

It lies white and serene in winter, filled with the sound of

The wind, melting icicles and the cold chills its heart

Amidst the sometimes unfeeling and bleak city

Is a place I treasure most

It lies lush and verdant in spring filled with

Color and splendor and the hand of nature stirs its soul

This is the time I revel in and feel rejuvenated

For in spring, it gave me hope

In spring it gave me you