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**Willow Ptarmigan** 04/22/2016

Paisley-like patterns  
Spangle outer feathers  
Spotched with umber

Inside filigreed tracery  
Both bronze and gold  
Broken by patches  
Which spread to mask  
Breast and legs  
By matching the clinging  
Branch hugging trim  
Of fresh white snow.  
A white and russet  
Round mottled head,  
Dark beaked and eyed.  
All set stock still  
Amidst the snow splattered  
Scattered scraggles of  
Last season's leaves.

- Gerald Alan Ney