

## **The Essence of Warmth**

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Firewood receives the spark

Steam rises from the bread, fresh from the oven

Soft snuggle from a purring kitten

Sip a large mug of cider under a changing tree in the fall

Enter a cabin to kick off winter's freeze

Submerge in hot springs as the snowflakes dance

Comfort and serenity, as the shower pours through your hair

Earth is nourished by the elements

Now the sand takes in the sun

The day's last hour bathed in dark orange sunshine on a summer's day