

## OUR SALUBRIOUS CLIMATE

Gainesville's weather is so capricious  
We don't know if it will rain or not  
It cannot be "perfect all the year"  
As it was proclaimed in "CAMELOT"

However it seldom rains all day  
As it often does in northern climes  
When dire thunderstorms are passing through  
The rain can be a torrent at times

During the shorter days I have to  
Look at the Weather Channel a lot  
In an endeavor to determine  
If it is likely to rain or not

Once in a while strolling in the rain  
Can be a refreshing sensation  
Unless an approaching thunderstorm  
Drives us to a safer location

We can frolic outside all the year  
In this subtropical paradise  
For there is truly nothing to fear  
From freezing rain, snow, or, that black ice

We are near the center of the state  
Ensnared in this venue so sublime  
Far from those brutal tidal surges  
That ravage the coasts from time to time

The mighty storm gods have been very  
Indulgent with us here in Gainesville

The storm of the century Milton  
Produced damage that was almost nil

Up north in the autumn all the trees  
Let their changing leaves fall to the ground  
While in the temperate Sunshine State  
Most of the trees stay green all year round

Here in our virtual Shangri-La  
The summer lingers through September  
We don't have to bundle up until  
Late in November or December

Although the extreme humidity  
Can sometimes be almost smothering  
This may be the quintessential place  
For happily ever-aftering

This may be the greenest life care site  
With most of the grounds covered with trees  
And flowering plants which appeal to  
Many wild animals birds and bees

This peerless Life Care community  
Has the very best environment  
For every resident to pursue  
His own brief lifetime of enjoyment

We stroll this treed ground oblivious  
To the myriad of life within  
How imbued with wonder is this place  
To grasp it we have yet to begin

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