

A painting of a tree with white blossoms and a house with a window at night. The tree is on the left, with its branches extending across the top and right. The blossoms are white and delicate. The house is on the right, with a window that has a green frame and a yellow interior. A small, dark, cat-like figure is visible in the bottom right corner of the window. The background is a deep blue, suggesting a night sky. The overall style is painterly and somewhat abstract.

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## The Freeze

Well hello campers, gather round,  
There's some bad stuff going down,  
For we in Texas have just hit bottom,  
Generating power's a skill we've forgotten.

I guess by now you've heard of ERCOT,  
A name that many would rather have forgot,  
But no – that name lives in infamy,  
They froze our asses – I'm not kidding thee.

Apparently we build wind turbines without heat,  
To keep the cost down so they can compete,  
But it's hard to turn with ice on your tail,  
You can try really hard, but you will fail.

And then there's a problem with natural gas,  
When it meets a really cold Arctic air mass,  
The supply was inadequate to meet demand,  
It just didn't work out as ERCOT had planned.

The basic problem is that ERCOT is flawed,  
Profiteering off electricity should be outlawed,  
Protecting the public should be the focus,  
We've been frozen by greed is my diagnosis.

The animals of Earth Church live out in the cold,  
Except for us humans who are not nearly so bold,  
We humans need systems designed to protect us,

And cannot survive on promises that are bogus.

And when we find that a system is failing,  
We should do more than stand with arms flailing,  
Let's demand our legislators collect the evidence,  
And get rid of those guided by greed and arrogance.

Earth Church is not against making a profit,  
We encourage creativity and those who've got it,  
But when the public as a whole is hurt,  
It becomes a matter of concern to Earth Church.

So welcome to Earth Church,  
Pull yourself up a pew,  
Here we stand for the people,  
And so should you.