



**Image: Alpenglow Landscape – Torres del Paine at Sunrise**

**Parque Nacional Torres del Paine, Chile**

Darkness coats tree and stone alike;

Thick and viscous - congealed from a cold night's chill,

It sinks slowly, melting from dawn's warmth.

Light sprinkles down gently like powdered sugar,

Pink dustings - soft glow.

Morning tussles her pearlescent tresses and reveals the  
sleepy faces of the jagged ridges,

Another moment or two...

Suddenly sky and stone are set afire in blushing wonder.

The mountains stir - peeking at their rosy complexions in  
the shadowy blue waters,

Another day has begun in spectacular fashion.

~Vivian Fung