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Indolence in South Texas

All afternoon on a warm December day
Three red-eared sliders

Hug the floating log on curlew pond,
Basking in the sunlight

After days
Of cold rain and fog.

Unwilling to budge,
Their necks outstretched,

They soak in as much sun
As the day will offer,

Much like Winter Texans
Reclining in lounge chairs

Outside their RV's,
Content to think of nothing at all.