



Appearance of this white is so beautifully smooth

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ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND — The whiteness of our land in Alaska is so wonderful. Many times I like to put it in a song or a poem because its whiteness is beautiful.

Other times land can be so beautiful with pretty flowers and green grass. Our land gets just beautiful in winter, all white, crystalline, too, as the sun shines on it.

There are mounds of white all around, especially at the villages. We

call mounds, *qengaghuk* in our language, Yupik.

This year it is long time with snow. And the appearance of this white is so white and beautifully smooth.

It is May now, and our land is still white and good walking. Other times springtime comes sooner.

Snow is all wet in springtime. This year we can just walk on this smooth whiteness, so it is beautiful.

Boats been out, watching for whales, but no whales. Savoonga men got one at Pugughileq!