

## **Holiday Card**

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manipulators of reality.  
Showing others only  
what should be seen.

Our holiday card,  
a beautiful family in  
matching sweaters.  
Laughter and play and snow.  
The perfect moment captured  
to represent us.  
Addiction and broken hearts  
are not visible in the picture.  
Nobody can see our lack of  
communication or our separate bedrooms.  
Infidelity does not campaign well  
in this district.  
But false smiles and contrived moments  
are talented convincers,  
even / almost believe them for a second.  
Cast your vote of belief this winter,  
as we desperately seek your approval.

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Happy holidays.  
May the best picture win.