

## Apple Trees in the Snow



*Apple Trees in the Snow* is a beautiful landscape perfect for a Christmas scene. Many of Spencer's landscapes are of scenes around Cookham - however this one comes from time he spent in Gloucestershire before and during WW2. Following his divorce from Hilda and second disastrous marriage to Patricia in 1937 Spencer sank into a depression and spent a year living alone in a bed sit in Hampstead in London, painting his *Christ in the Wilderness* series, and his dark and mysterious *Beatitudes*. His relationship with the married artist Daphne Charlton cheered him up and, together with her husband George, the three set off for a painting holiday in Gloucestershire. This is just one of many paintings done around the Stonehouse and Leonard Stanley areas.