You Only Cross My Mind In Winter

Sting

Always this winter child,
December's sun sits low against the sky
Cold light on frozen fields,
The cattle in their stable lowing. When two walked this winter road,
Ten thousand miles seemed nothing to us then,
Now one walks with heavy tread
The space between their footsteps slowingAll day the snow did fall,
What's left of the day is close drawn in,
I speak your name as if you'd answer me,

But the silence of the snow is deafeningHow well do I recall our arguments, Our logic owed no debts or recompense,

Philosophy and faith were ghosts

That we would chase until

The gates of heaven were brokenBut something makes me turn, I don't know,

To see another's footsteps there in the snow,

I smile to myself and then I wonder why it is

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