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## THE EXILE

(1)

The northeast wind's a bitter wind When streets are filled with snow And it's cold inside this lonely room But I've nowhere else to go I left my home and came out here To streets not paved with gold Ten years, no friends, no money left -God, how I hate the cold!

(chorus) And it's a long way home It's such a long way home From here to where my heart is It's such a long way home

(2)

In winter's harsh reality More pleasant is the dream: I smiled to see my brother Lead his cattle by the stream With a shout I ran to greet him Then all vanished in a flame When I woke the room was empty But the snow was still the same

(3)

And in the billion snowflakes Comes the pattern of a face: A girl I loved, and loved too well From another time and place She came out here to be with me But found she couldn't stay When I left her at the airport I thought I heard her say:

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(4)

On empty streets the pubs are shut And dawn's a dirty gray -Turn off the light and try to sleep Nothing else to do today I owe my mom a letter But there's nothing new to tell Not even she believes it now When I say I'm doing well

(5)

Now time is such a funny thing It only moves one way And no matter how you try you can't Get back to yesterday It's hard to know what's wrong or right To stay behind, or go But I made my choice, and now I sit And I curse the falling snow

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