



## Ghosts

We set out that morning  
Bright and determined  
To make our mark  
On this frozen place,  
To capture  
And claim it, make it  
Our own, note the trees,  
The glistening lake,  
The bog-brown streams,  
Assess its great potential  
And create pointers for our return.

We had been so busy gauging  
Distances and light patterns  
From a low, watery sun  
That it was sometime  
Before we realised  
We were following the path  
Of a pair of foxes;  
Overnight hunters  
That in daylight had become  
Ghosts of themselves  
Leaving only an impression  
Of survival and fierce parenthood.

One branched off into the forest.  
We followed the other  
Up into the high plain  
Where we lost him,  
Or her,  
Though they had only existed  
In our imaginations  
Like dreams.

We were silent  
On our way back.  
As silent as the ghosts  
We too were destined to become.

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