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# Three Aspects of Snow

Emily Dickinson

## I

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**It** powders **all the wood,**  
**It fills with** alabaster wool  
 The **wrinkles of the road.**

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 Of mountain and of plain, —  
 Unbroken forehead from the east  
 Unto the east again.

**It** reaches **to the** fence,  
**It** wraps it, **rail by rail,**  
**Till it is lost in** fleeces;  
**It flings a crystal veil**

**On** stump **and** stack **and** stem, —  
 The **summer's empty room,**  
**Acres of seams where harvests were,**  
**Recordless, but for them.**

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14 *mf* *p*

on and and sum-mer's emp - ty room

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17 *p sotto voce* *poco rit.* *pp*

a - cres seams where har-vests were

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a-cres of seams where har - vests were,

21 *a tempo* *pp* *p* *mp*

but for them it it as an-kles of a

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25 *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *senza rit.* *p* *mf* *pp*

queen then like de-ny-ing they have been

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Andante ♩ = 100

*mf* *sempre*

it makes an e-ven face of moun-tains and

11 *p* *p* *mp* *p*

it makes an an e-ven

it makes an e-ven face of moun-tains and of plain

of plain it makes an e-ven face

19 *mp* *p*

face of moun-tains and of plain

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25 *cresc. sempre*

it makes an e - ven face of moun-tains and

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it makes an e - ven

30 *f* *ff* *mf*

of plain of moun-tains

of plain it makes an e - ven face of moun - tains of

face of moun - tains and of

36 *mp* *ff*

and of plain un - bro - ken fore - head from the east un - to

*mp* *ff*

moun-tains and of plain un - bro - ken fore-head

plain un - bro - ken fore - head from

43 *mf dim.*

the east a - gain un - bro - ken fore - head to

*mf*

from the east un - to the east a-gain un - bro-ken fore - head

the east un - to the east

49 *p* *mp*

the east un - bro-ken fore-head from the east un-to the

*p* *mf*

from the east un-to the east un - bro - ken fore-head from the east

a - gain un - bro - ken fore - head

56

*p*  
east

*p* *poco dim.*

un - to the east un - bro - ken fore-head from the east un -

from the east un - to the east a -

64

*pp*

to the east

gain un - bro - ken fore - head from

71

the east un - to the east a - gain

## III

Contemplative; free ♩ = 160

*mp* *p* *pp*  
 it it s - -

*mp* *p* *sf pp*  
 it it s - - ift - s -

*mp* *p* *pp*  
 it it s - - - - -

7 *sf pp*  
 - ift - s

*sf pp*  
 - - - - - ift - s

*sf pp*  
 - - - - - ift - s

12 *mp* *p* *pp* *p*  
 it it it pow- der - s -

*mp* *p* *pp* *p*  
 it it it pow- der - s -

*mp* *p* *pp* *p*  
 it it it pow- der - s -

17

*sf pp*

OW - S

*sf pp*

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*sf pp*

OW - S

24

*pp p mp p pp*

it it it a - la - ba - s

*pp p mp p pp*

it it it a - la - ba - s

*pp p mp p pp*

it it it a - la - ba - s

30

*sf p pp*

-ter a - la - ba - s

*sf p pp*

ter a - la - ba - s

*sf*

ter a - la - bas

37 *pp* *<mf* *pp* *p*

-ter wool wrin-kle - s it

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47 *mp p* *pp p pp* *pp*

rea-che - s it wrap-s it

rea- che - - s it wrap-s it

rea- che - s it wrap-s it

56 *ppp* *p pp sf pp*

f it f - lee-c - - -

f it f - - - - lee-c -

f it f - - lee-c - - -

65 *sf pp*

- e - s wool

- e - s wool

- e - s wool

70 *mf* *mf* *pp*

stump s

stump stump s - -

stump stump s -

78 *pp* *sf* *p* *pp* *sf pp*

s - - - tump stack stem s - tack-s -

tump s stack stem f

- tump f

87 *sf* *mf* *mp* *p* *p*

- tem it it it wri - s -

it it it ruf - fle - s

it it it po -

96 *sf* *p* *pp*

- - ts posts s - -

o - f s -

s - ts o - f s -

106 *sf pp* *p* *mp* *mf*

-till-s it it it

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- till-s - it it it

rit poco a poco al fine

114 *sf pp*

it - s ar - ti - s - - -

*sf pp* *p* *sf pp*

it - s ar - ti - s - an - s

*sf pp* *p* *sf pp*

it - s ar - ti - s - - an - s

122

- an - s it ghos - ts

*sf pp* *p* *ppp*

it ghos - ts

*p* *ppp*

it ghos - ts