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In the old ink and brush style of painting the brush can’t leave the paper until you’re done so that it’s all one long line that turns and turns and loops back, taking its time, and sometimes standing here outside the door as snow filters across the blue-black sky and I can hear you on the other side I can’t remember if I’ve only just arrived or it’s time for me to go.

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