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## Initials On The Snow

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They'll never stand my letters up  
And scrape the lichens from the o's  
To read in aftertimes that stone  
Regard I had for you.

They'll spy no relic Valentine  
On Lion Gate or Runic Horn  
A hieroglyph an ox a cow  
A travertine adieu.

No cinerary ghost will beg  
An alabaster point of view  
Nor pick nor shovel strike below  
This brief intaglio.