

**Adam Crothers**

## **Joy Ride**

*Every mile is two in winter.*  
*George Herbert*

Oh, and to freeze this:  
you with your hair cut day-short,  
blowing a cool kiss,  
  
prone on a white toboggan,  
doubling your speed, and again;  
  
the surprise gut-punch  
of the snowman losing heart  
and losing his lunch  
  
all over the white hillside,  
snow white upon snow snow-white.  
  
This is the time of old shoes,  
when every step is new  
  
and every mile is two,  
and I'd walk twice that for you.