

# Black fire on white fire

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There are tracings in the snow-filled field,  
Tracks I see but cannot read; except the deer's  
Small heart-shaped prints, the rest remains  
A mystery. And so, I think of Hebrew script,  
The jagged flame that writes of God, but  
Is not God, the scholars say. God dwells in  
White fire, not in black. In sky glimpsed  
Through dark winter trees, in breath-filled  
Silence when we pray.