The Hounds of Winter

Words & Music by Sting

Mercury falling, I rise from my bed,

Collect my thoughts together, I have to hold my head,
it seems that she's gone
and somehow I am penned by

the hounds of winter,
howling in the wind.

I walk through the day,
my coat around my ears,
(Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)

I look for my companion
I have to dry my tears,
it seems that she’s gone,
leaving me too soon.
I’m as

dark as December,
I’m as cold as the man in the moon

I still see her face
as beautiful as day

it’s easy to remember,
remember my love that way
Verse 2:
I can’t make up the fire
The way that she could
I spend all my days
In the search for dry wood
Board all the windows
And close the front door
I can’t believe
She won’t be here anymore.

Verse 3:
A season for joy
A season for sorrow
Where she’s gone
I will surely, surely follow
She brightened my day
She warmed the coldest night
The hounds of winter
They got me in their sights.
Early one morning with time to kill

(Verses 2, 3 & 4 see block lyric)

borrowed Jeb’s rifle and sat on the hill,
saw a lone rider

crossing the plain

I
drew a bead on him
to practise my aim

my brother's rifle
went off in my hand

shot rang out
across the land
horse kept on running,       the rider was dead,       I

hung my head,       I hung my head...

2.

hung my head...
[3, 4.]

To Coda ☞

hung my head, __________ I

D.C. al Coda

hung my head, __________ I hung my head.
Verse 2:
I set off running
To wake from my dream
My brother’s rifle
Went into the stream
I kept on running
Into the salt lands
And that’s where they found me
My head in my hands.
The sheriff he asked me
Why had I run
Then it came to me
Just what I had done
And all for no reason
Just one piece of lead
I hung my head, I hung my head

Verse 3:
Here in the courthouse
The whole town is here
I see the judge
High up in his chair
“Explain to the courtroom
What went through your mind
And we’ll ask the jury
What verdict they find.”
I said “I felt the power
Of death over life
I orphaned his children
I widowed his wife.
I beg their forgiveness
I wish I was dead.”
I hung my head, I hung my head.

Verse 4:
Early one morning
With time to kill
I see the gallows
Up on the hill
And out in the distance
A trick of the brain
I see a lone rider
Crossing the plain.
He’s come to fetch me
To see what they done
We’ll ride together
Till kingdom come
I pray for God’s mercy
For soon I’ll be dead
I hung my head, I hung my head.
Let your soul be your pilot

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down

( Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)

and they’re counting.

when your secrets
all found

out.

When your troubles

take to mounting.

when the
map you have-   leads you- to dust. When there's-

no in- forma- tion-

and the com- pass turns to no- where that

you know well. Let your com- pass spins be- tween
C

heaven and hell.

Let your soul

be your pilot,

let your

to Coda

soul guide you,

he'll guide you well.

1.  2.

2. When the

And your eyes turn toward the win
Verse 2:
When the doctors failed to heal you
When no medicine chest can make you well.
When no counsel leads to comfort
When there are no more lies they can tell.
No more useless information
And the compass spins,
The compass spins between heaven and hell
Let your soul be your pilot
Let your soul guide you
He’ll guide you well.

Verse 3:
Let your pain be my sorrow
Let your tears be my tears too.
Let your courage be my model
That the north you find will be true.
When there’s no more information
And the compass turns to nowhere that you know well
Let your soul be your pilot
Let your soul guide you...
To Coda
I was brought to my senses

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Tempo ad lib.

A

Am7

D

Am7

1. Alone with my thoughts this evening, I walked on the banks of Tyne. I wondered how I could win you or if I could make you mine, or if I could make you mine.

(Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)

2. The 3. For

D

Am7

D

Am7

1. I walked out this morning—
   it was like a veil had been removed from before my eyes.

(Verse 2 see block lyric)
For the first time I saw the work of heaven in the line where the hills had been married to the sky.

And all around me every blade of singing grass was calling out your name, and that our love would always last.

And inside every turning leaf is the pattern of an older tree,
the shape of our future, the shape of all our history.

And out of the confusion where the river meets the sea, came things I'd never seen, things I'd never seen. I was brought (me.) to my senses,

I was blind but now
Verse 2:
The wind it was so insistent
With tales of a stormy south
But when I spied two birds in a sycamore tree
There came a dryness in my mouth,
Came a dryness in my mouth.

Verse 3:
For then without rhyme or reason
The two birds did rise up and fly
And where the two birds were flying
I swear I saw you and I,
I swear I saw you and I.

Ar[A]

Verse 2:
I know it’s true
It’s written in a sky as blue
As blue as your eyes, as blue as your eyes
If nature’s red in tooth and claw
Like winter’s freeze and summer’s thaw
The wounds she gave me
Were the wounds that would heal me
And we’d be like the moon and sun
And when our courtly dance had run
Its course across the sky
Then together we would lie
And out of the confusion
Where the river meets the sea
Something new would arrive,
Something better would arrive.
you still touch me

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Another night finds me alone

in my dreams,
you still touch me,

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your picture by my telephone.

in that smile you still thrill me.

Now if I sleep, I sleep here alone.

in my bed tonight, you still haunt me.
and if I'm falling, I'm falling like a stone.

In my nightmare, you still hold me...

1. And after all that we've been through,

(Verse 2 see block lyric)

now I'm wondering
Bm
if you still blame me_
D
if only half of this was_
A/C#4

Bm7
true,
/A
that you believe of me

G
F6
you still shame me."
G
Dark rain will
Cadd9

F6

1.

Gadd9
fall until I see your face.
D
I close my eyes, I seem to hear the raindrops

you won't come back.

You still touch me. I wonder if you feel the same way as I do, and you'd come
I close my eyes, I seem to hear the raindrops

saying, you won't come back,

You still touch me, I wonder if you feel the same way as I do, and you'd come
back.
You still touch me.
Another

night finds me alone
in my

bed tonight,
you still haunt me,
you still hold me,

you still touch me,
you still touch me,
you still touch me,
you still touch me,

you still touch me,
you still touch me,
you still touch me,
Verse 2:
And when I'm sick at heart and low
In my prayers
You still heal me
When I'm so sure this isn't so
In my complacency
You still shake me.
I'm so happy I can't stop crying

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1. Seven weeks have passed now

since she left me and she shows

her face to ask me how I am.

She says the kids are fine

and that they miss me.

maybe I could come and ba-

by sit some time.
She says “Are you O K?” —
(Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)
I was wor- ried a- bout…

— you,
can you for- give me?
I

hope that you’ll be hap- py.” I said
“I’m so hap-

1, 2.

— py that I can’t stop cry-

ing.
I'm so happy, I'm laughing through my tears.

Can't stop crying, I'm laughing through my tears.

I took a walk alone last night,
looked up at the stars, to try and find an answer in my life.

I chose a star for me,

I chose a star for him,

I chose two stars for my kids and one star for my wife.
Something made me smile,
something seemed to ease the pain,
something 'bout the universe and how it's all connected.
The park is full of Sunday fathers
and melted ice.

We try to do the best within

the given time.

A kid should be with his mother.

Everybody knows that.
Em          C
what can a fa- ther do_ but ba- by- sit_ some-

D
-times.    I saw that friend__ of mine_, _he said

Em          C          D
“you look dif- _rent some- how.”_ I said    “ev_’ry- bo-dy’s

Em          C          /D
  got to _leave_ the dark- ness some- times.”_ I said,
Verse 2:
I saw a friend of mine. He said “I was worried about you,
I heard she had another man. I wondered how you felt about it”
I’m so happy that I can’t stop crying,
I’m so happy I’m laughing through my tears.

Verse 3:
Saw my lawyer, Mr. Good News
He got me joint custody and legal separation.
I’m so happy that I can’t stop crying,
I’m laughing through my tears, I’m laughing through my tears.
all four seasons

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1. With her smile as sweet as a warm wind in summer, she's got me

( Verses 2, 3 & 4 see block lyric)

flying like a bird in a bright June sky, and then just when she thinks that
I've got her number, brings me down to the ground with a

winter eye— that's— my baby, she can be

all four seasons in one day.

2. And when the day.

How will I know...

how can I
Watching the weather man's been no good at all,
Winter, Spring, Summer, I'm bound for a fall.
No

long term prediction for my baby, she can be all four seasons in one day...

How will I know...

How can I
all four seasons in one day.

Verse 2:
And when the night time comes with no interference
To our warm summer love with all its charms
But like a thoroughbred horse she can turn on a sixpence
And I find that I’m back in Mistress Winter’s arms
That’s my baby
She can be all four seasons in one day.

Verse 3:
She can change her mind like she changes her sweaters
From one minute to the next it’s hard to tell
She blows hot and cold just like stormy weather
She’s my gift from the Lord or a fiend from hell
That’s my baby
She can be all four seasons in one day.

Verse 4:
If it’s a sunny day I take my umbrella
Just in case the raindrops start to fall
You could say that I’m just a cautious fellow
I don’t want to be caught in a sudden squall
That’s my baby
She can be all four seasons in one day.
La belle dame sans regrets

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tu dis,
et moi, je suis,
mes pas sont gauches,
mes pieds

tu fauches,
je crains
les sots
je cherche en vain les mots
pour m'ex-
Tu parles, je ne comprends pas bien,

la belle dame sans regrets.

La belle dame sans

To Coda

regrets.
Verse 3:
Je pleure, tu ris
Je chante, tu cries
Tu sèmes les graines
D’un mauvais chêne
Tu en as ras le bol
J’attends toujours,
Mes cris sont sourds.

Verse 4:
Tu mens, ma Sœur
Tu brises mon cœur
Je pense, tu sais
Erreurs, jamais
J’écoute, tu parles
Je ne comprends pas bien
La belle dame sans regrets.
Chase the dog star over the sea,
( Verses 2 & 3 see block lyric)

home where my true love is waiting for
Rope the south wind canvas the stars.
Harness the moonlight so she can safely go round the Cape

To Coda
Valparaiso.

And every road I walked would take me down to the sea with every broken promise in my sack.

And every love would always send the ship of my heart,
Am
Em
Dadd9
Em

over the rolling
sea.

D. §. al Coda Coda

D
Em

D

Valparai

so

Valparai

so.

Valparai

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Verse 2:
Red the port light
Starboard the green
How will she know of the devils I've seen?
Cross the sky
Star of the sea
Under the moonlight
There she can safely go
Round the Cape Horn to Valparaiso.

Verse 3:
If I should die
And water's my grave
She'll never know if I'm damned or I'm saved.
See the ghost
Over the sea
Under the moonlight
There she can safely go
Round the Cape Horn to Valparaiso.
Fill my eyes

o - li - thi - um sun - set and take this lone - some
burden of worry from my mind.

Take this heartache of obsidian darkness

and fold my darkness

inside your yellow light.

I've been scat-
I've been shattered, I've been knocked out of the race, but I'll get better,

I feel your light up on my face. Heal my
sun - set
and I'll ride
the turn - ing
world
in - to an - other
night,
in - to an - other
night,
in - to an - other
night.