

## Across the Great Divide (Kate Wolf)

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C / G / Em / C -C- -D- G G—**  
**G -G- -C- G / Em / C /**  
**1** (I've been) walking in my sleep, counting troubles 'stead of counting sheep;  
**G / Em / C -C- -D- G /**  
 Where the years went I can't say, I just turned around and they've gone away.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C /**  
**2** I've been sifting through the layers, of dusty books and faded papers;  
**G / Em / C -C- -D- G G—**  
 They tell a story I used to know, and it was one that happened so long ago.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C C—**  
**Ch** (It's gone a)way in yesterday, now I find myself on the mountainside,  
**G D Em C D G /**  
 Where the rivers change direction across the Great Divide.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C /**  
**3** Now, I heard the owl a-callin' softly as the night was fallin'  
**G / Em / C -C- -D- G G—**  
 With a question and I replied, but he's gone across the border - line.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C C—**  
**Ch** (He's gone a)way in yesterday, now I find myself on the mountainside,  
**G D Em C D G /**  
 Where the rivers change direction across the Great Divide.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C /**  
**4** The finest hour that I have seen is the one that comes between  
**G / Em / C -C--D- G G—**  
 The edge of night and the break of day; it's when the darkness rolls away

**G -G- -C- G / Em /**  
**Ch** (An' it's gone a)way in yesterday, now I find myself on the mountain-  
**C C— G D Em C D G /**  
 side, where the rivers change direction across the Great Divide.

**G -G- -C- G / Em / C C—**  
**Ch** An' it's gone away in yesterday, now I find myself on the mountainside,  
**G D Em C D G G—**  
 Where the rivers change direction across the Great Divide.

Originally composed by Kate Wolf (1942-1986), this song has been recorded by many others, notably by Nanci Griffith (right).



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