

Across the Great Divide (Kate Wolf)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ch *An' it's gone away in yesterday, now I find myself on the mountainside,*
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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