A Poetic Photograph

Donald Hawksworth writes: In 1975, whilst walking in the area of Monte Rosa, I took this photograph into the sun as we crossed a glacier. I later used it as a Christmas card for my fellow walkers, one of whom sent me this poem, which still gives me pleasure!



From summer snow to winter snow With autumn gold between, Along the twisting paths that run From Alps to Aberdeen,

Your photo pierced mid-winter dark And brought midsummer's light In morning glint on glacier; An omen that the night

Of solstice marks a new path's start Back to the sun and snow. Oh may the journey-gods protect All wanderers as they go.

And may your year whose path starts here Bring you to friends and song And morning light on glaciers, Bright as the year that's gone

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