

**Forty Winters**  
**Rodney Crowell**

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**F# B F# B F# C# B F#**  
Forty winters cold and dark surround you like a beauty mark  
**B F# B F#**  
A tilt of the axis says that time of year  
**B F# B F#**  
And the flush of your cheekbones says no damage here  
**B F# B F#**  
The first time I saw you twas ice on the ground  
**B F# B F#**  
A girl in a green house meant paradise found  
**B F# B F# B F# B F# B**  
For Forty Winters, forty Winters  
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Forty winters, forty winters

Forty winters straight in line were you not my valentine  
Orange Blossomâ€™s Sandalwood Oak Moss and Musk  
Fragrant the senses from daylight till dusk  
You made the simple life fit for a king  
And oatmeal by candle light a beautiful thing  
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**B Bbm**  
Why canâ€™t I break the spell shake you and make you well  
**D#m F#**  
What is it blinding me that keeps you from finding me  
**B Bbm**  
I know youâ€™re in there, you havenâ€™t gone somewhere  
**D#m F#**  
God only knows about leaving me frozen out  
**G#m**  
Darlinâ€™ I can promise you this I wont let you drown in the mist

Forty winters cold and drear could not age you one short year  
Itâ€™s like your trapped â€˜neath a bell jar as big as the earth  
And Iâ€™m running to reach you for all that Iâ€™m worth  
Iâ€™ll bathe you and feed you and tend to your grace  
But donâ€™t make me leave you in such a dark place

Iâ€™m drunk on the bitterness sorrow demands  
And I know that tomorrow is out of my hands  
Until were together Iâ€™ll sleep in the snow  
Iâ€™ll love you forever and thatâ€™s all I know about  
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