

Winter sun

I spend my Christmas holidays in Denmark. The combination of too much and too fat Christmas cheer and the close interaction with the family I compensate with walks into the countryside of Himmerland.

The winter often seems darker and colder here in Denmark than it feels where I live in the far north in Greenland.

The reason is that the snow in the town and on the mountains around Nuuk brightens up the town in the darkness of the winter. Simultaneously the weather in Himmerland has the effect of an often moist air that makes it seem much colder compared to a cold and dry winter in Nuuk.

On this short day in December my goal is to accomplish a walk across the local heath before sunset. I have walked in these landscapes since my childhood.

Nevertheless, the impression of the places is different from time to time. My inner state of mind has a crucial influence on how I experience the landscape.

But as a keen photographer it is especially the light and the weather, which for me creates new and exciting moods in the landscape. This afternoon the weather is changing. The weather forecast promises snow at night, and here where I stand high up in the landscape I already recognize snow clouds on the horizon.

An unexpected opening in the cloud cover lets the last sunrays pass through above the landscape. The fields around me vary between the black soil and a small layer of snow with an ice crust. The dark landscape is illuminated of the last light of the day, and I resume my walk at a brisk pace to reach home before the snowfall begins.



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