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## The Best is Yet to Come

*(for Jamie)*

Distressful as it is when time is out  
of joint, and the brash world's a kangaroo  
wilderness, and this petty pace from day  
to day syndrome makes for dubious havoc  
on the awkward stage of self-confidence:  
this, however, is a time to plant, time  
to fruit. Years as good as they get for, in  
Yeats' words "the young in one another's arms."  
This is what I believe for you and us  
and where we go from here, luscious with faith  
and commitments: love's get-together of  
past and present – like the tides, thresholds,  
that embraced in first and last places long  
ago, reincarnated in our song.

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