

HOPE IS A GARDEN

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Barren in the aftermath
of a great winter
somber with sadness
through the losses
of closest cherished.

Rocked to the foundations
Institutions and governments
Great powers humbled
as isolation becomes inclusion
sharing
the same fate
with a global pandemic.

Stoic journey
most basic priorities
understood
to nourish
and shelter
washed away
with old and young
indiscriminate
barren in the aftermath.

Sharing
common interests
To live
heart and spirit
mind and body
visceral and innate.

Strong roots
across millennia
evolving
maturing
across the divides
of cultures and peoples
common interests
To survive
Our children and grandchildren
across generations
with continuity
allies and adversaries alike
with humanity.

Inspired by imagination
From Jules Verne
 'If we think it
 We can build it'
Science fiction
 into reality.
With balance
 resilient in the face of change
A peaceful and stable world.

Beyond nationalism
as a civilization
 interconnected
 across the Earth
remembering the indiscriminate lessons
 from world wars
 of the 20th century.

Our good fortune
Survival today
 has silver linings
 In the absence of global conflict
 When family ties are renewed
 with time and resources
 especially digital
 bringing us together
 all 8 billion
 To create.

Planting the seeds now
Sprinkled with triangulation
 Education
 Research
 Leadership
We can awaken Spring
 Into a new world
 emerging
 stretching
 opening
 Into a Renaissance
 With lifelong learning
 connections and capacities
 thriving with rich diversity
 as a garden
 for us all
 to tend with Hope.

