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The Best is Yet to Come
(for Janie)

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.