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placid
combing back
the evergreen
from sky's hairline
is that unfading glorious
sun which watched while we
fell far
below the wildest wilderness.

reaching back in time
we try to gather quickly
what was lost
or can we?
finding faithful friendship
is no simple matter,
but a complex impossibility
for the no longer we,
the two together
no more.

time tells the truth;
that two separate elements
make only one mixture, unalterable.
perhaps when conditions
are different, the heat has
cooled, the valences settled
into variance —
perhaps the tale the evergreens
and unfading glory tell
is also true:
time heals.