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Dear future self, did you catch the elusive traveller? she who whisks away delight with the clap of her hands she who brakes at moments of melancholy and swipes our wisps of memories she who paints our heads in a snowy silver sending an icy chill down our spines, as we wonder where all the time went. Dear future self, does your spirit falter? when the frost lingers into the spring

when the heat scorches your skin in October

when you step into the soggy mud after a June storm.

Is there peace?

Are you at ease?

Are you still trapped within the black glass? Or did you shatter its magnetic pull? Has the shadow of regret disappeared or does it still yearn for the pixie dust of the past, a life away from the distorted pixels?

Did you find the promised land with the sweet river of realized dreams? are you still searching? did you cease from exhaustion? or was it all just a dream within a dream? An impossible destination, a contagious rumour that infects young minds to soothe their growing pains.