

This Evolution

a process to be a part of
changing from point to point
arrogance declaring the process is 'progress'
that the direction is headed 'up'
pessimism saying that the process is doomed to stumble and fall 'down'

outwards from cave to valley to continent
from continent to planet
bigger whether for better or for worse
around and around and around she goes
and where she stops...

marriages of biological components
divorces and extinctions
soul mates and symbioses
inventions and arts
engineering and edifice

simple to complex to magnificent
order begetting more order and then more order still
from the periodic chart of elements to quantum mechanics
from ethics to metaphysics to philosophy of mind
conquest, climax, collapse and resurgence

as reality becomes more interesting
to certain of its more complex components
with the curiosity and attention span required to take notice
plus the values required to strive and contribute
and the capacity to imagine, wonder and be incredible¹

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1 All the more incredible are the particular components—the beings—who are trying to comprehend their own mysteries.

- Mystery 1: what are they?
- Mystery 2: will their intelligence and initiative ever affect the Universe in some positive manner?