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Time drifts on the sea of illusions.

Newton's image of it was a line,
unbounded and straight, like desire.
Einstein called it dimension four:
the lasting partner of space.

For some of us time is money,
the scent of the morning
or the taste of the sea.
It buds love or failure,
extinction or bliss.

We stretch time in childhood,
squeeze it when old,
hark to its flap
and sniff at its trace.

But we cannot reverse it
because time is
the shadow of change.

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