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### The Advent of Wonder

*Do not despise small beginnings,*  
for smallness is an easy place to start,  
and endings are not truly endings,

but instead, become unlikely voyages  
to redemption and recovery, just  
past the mind's horizon. Inadequate,

impatient, and imperfect, we sail anew,  
with only tattered truth for navigation,  
hope overflowing into currents toward

a better world, fleeing tautened clutches  
of fell circumstance, or brutal barriers  
that are never half as solid as they seem.

Disregard a dark perspective; despite  
dire portents, we can have joyful lives,  
gently leaping over floods. *From wonder*

*into wonder, existence opens; wait 'til*  
the morass settles, when the water clears—

Arise, and then start moving.

*(with thanks to Zechariah 4:10 and to Lao-tzu)*