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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)