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.....!"These are the fates of Time
- Yesterday
Today
Tomorrow ".....

- Plato

.....A collection of reflections and thoughts.



.....Time is a sort of river of passing events;
And strong is its current;
No sooner is a thing brought to sight
Than it is swept by and another takes its place,
And this too will be swept away.

- Marcus Aurelius

.....A wonderful stream is the river Time.

As it runs through the realm of tears,

With a faultless rhythm, and a musical rhyme,

And a broader sweep, and a surge sublime,

As it blends with the ocean of years.

- Benjamin Franklin Taylor
The Long Ago



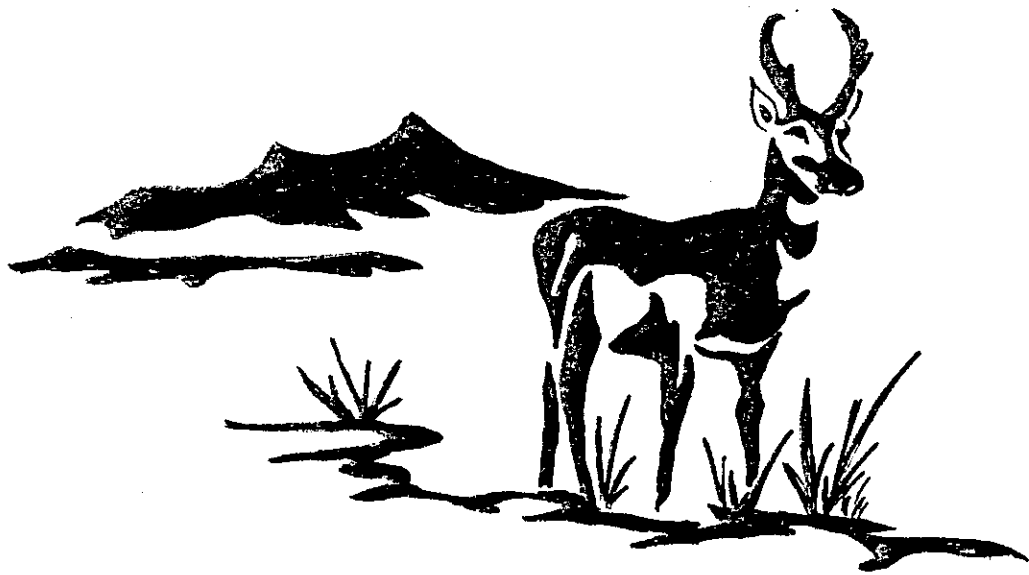
.....To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under
the heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to pluck
up that which is planted.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1
Old Testament

.....Whether we wake or we sleep,
Whether we carol or weep,
The sun and his planets in chime,
Marketh the going of time.

- Edward Fitzgerald
Chronomoros



.....Take Time to look
- it is the price of success.

Take Time to think
- it is the source of power,

Take Time to play
- it is the secret of perennial youth,

Take Time to read
- it is the source of wisdom,

Take Time to be friendly
- it is the way of happiness,

Take Time to laugh
- it is the music of the soul.

- Osumi

.....Time flies and draws us with it,

The moment in which I am speaking is
already far from me.

- Baileau
Epitres



.....Lulled by vain hope, I scattered to the winds
a portion of my life,

And that before I had known in this world a day
of happiness.

Alas ! I fear that the fleeting Time will not follow
me to repay myself for the days that are past.

- The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
(McCarthy Version)

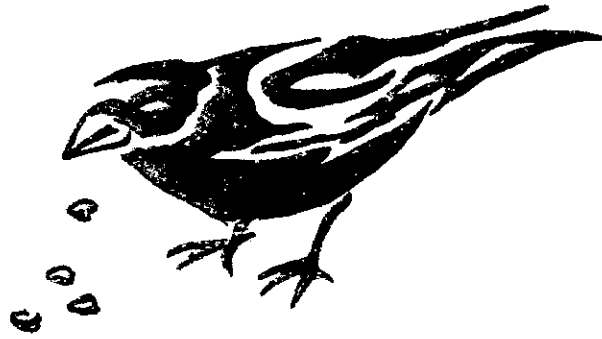
.....Alas ! It is not till Time, with reckless hand,

Has torn out half the leaves from the book of human
life

To light the fires of human passion with, from day to day,

That man begins to see the leaves which remain are
few in number.

- Longfellow
Hyperion



.....Time eftsoon will tumble

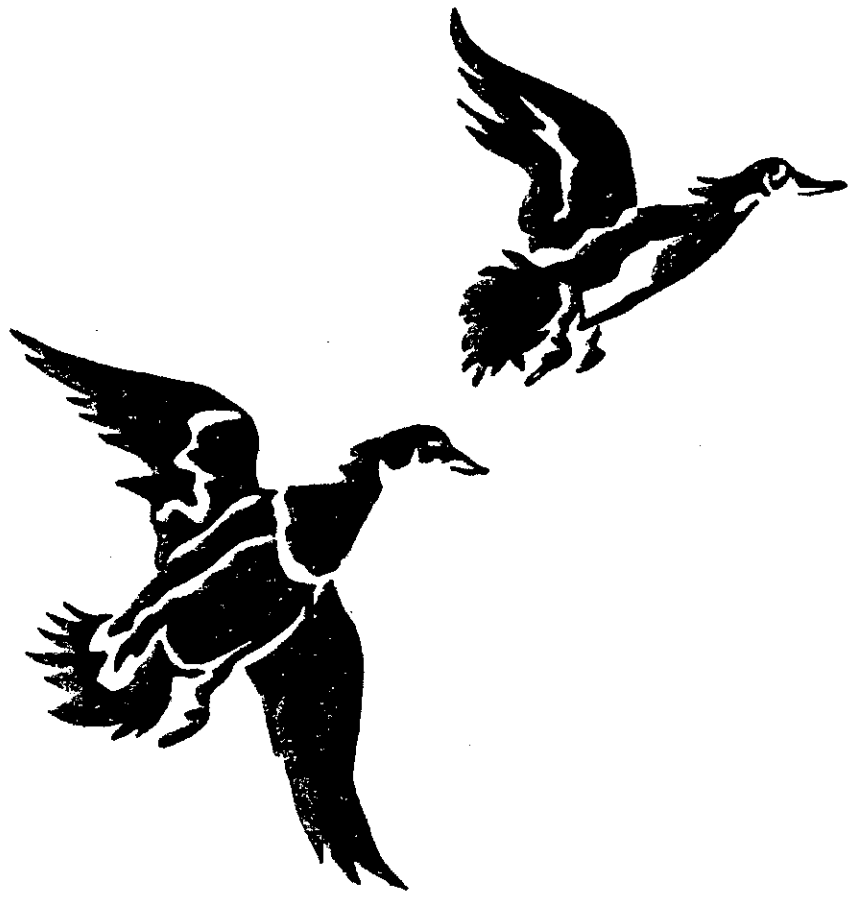
All of us together like leaves in a gust,

Humbled indeed down into the dust.

- Joaquin Miller
Fallen Leaves Down into the Dust

.....We only seem ephemeral -
But everything changes;
Even the leaves turn to dust;
Yet nothing is lost -
Not the leaves, not us.....

- Unknown



.....Know the true value of Time;

Snatch, sieze, and enjoy every moment of it.

No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination:

Never put off tomorrow what you can do today.

- Earl of Chesterfield
Letters to his Son

.....Procrastination is the thief of Time;
Year after year it steals, till all are fled,
And to the mercies of the moment leaves
The vast concerns of an eternal scene.

- Young
Night Thoughts



.....Time's the King of Men,

He's both their parent, and he is their grave,

And gives them what he will, not what they crave.

- Pericles

.....While man is growing, life is in Decrease,
And cradles rock us nearer to the tomb;
Our birth is nothing but our death begun.

- Young
Night Thoughts



.....The seconds that tick as the clock moves along
Are privates who march with a spirit so strong.
The minutes are captains. The hours of the day
Are Officers brave, who lead on to the fray.
So remember when tempted to loiter and dream
You've an army at hand; Your command is supreme;
And question yourself, as it goes on review -
Has it helped in the flight with the best it can do ?

- Philander Johnson
Each Man's Army

.....Rise ! For the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armour,
And forth to the fight are gone:
A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each man has some part to play;
The past and the future are nothing,
In the face of the stern today.

- Adelaide Ann Procter
"Now"



.....One of the most insidious maladies of our Time:

- the tendency in most of us to observe rather than act,
- avoid rather than participate,
- the tendency to give in to the sly negative voices that constantly counsel us to be careful, to be wary in our approach to the complicated thing called living.....

- Arthur Gordon

.....Old Time, in whose banks we deposit our notes,
Is a miser who always wants guineas for groats;
He keeps all his customers still in arrears
By lending them minutes and charging them years.

- O.W. Holmes
Our Banker



.....If you look into the seeds of Time,
And say which grain will grow and which will not,
Speak then to me, who neither beg nor fear your
favors nor your hate.....

- Shakespeare
MacBeth

.....Out upon Time ! It will leave no more
of the things to come than the things
before !
Out upon Time ! Who forever will leave
But enough of the past for the future to
grieve.

- Byron
Siege of Corinth



.....Gather ye rose-buds while ye may,

Old Time is still a-flying:

And this same flower that smiles today,

Tomorrow will be dying....

Then be not coy, but use your time,

And while ye may, go marry:

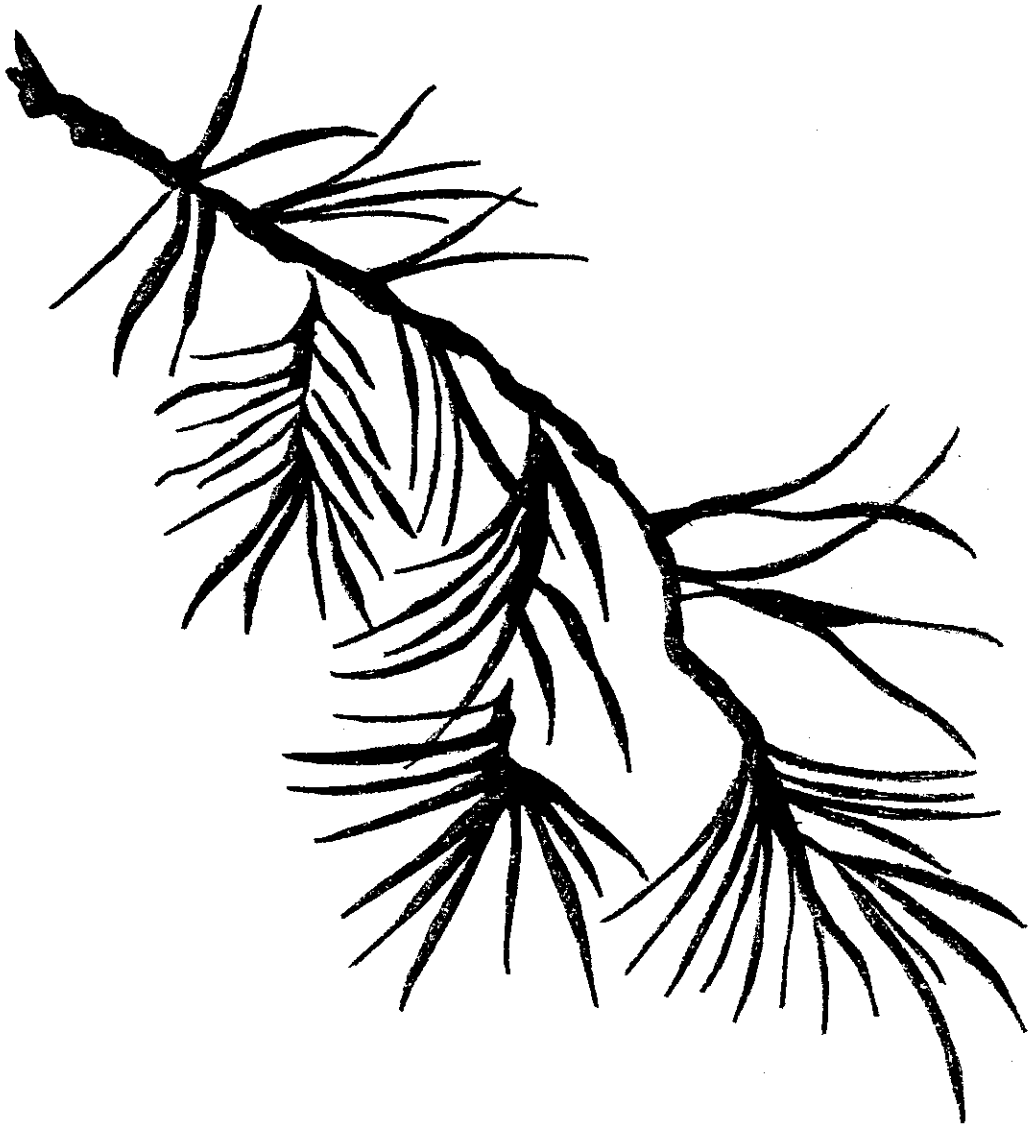
For having lost but once your prime,

You may forever tarry.

- Robert Herrick
To the Virgin, To Make Much
Of Time

.....Make use of Time, let not advantage slip;
Beauty within itself should not be wasted,
Fair flowers that are not gather'd in
their prime,
Rot and consume themselves in little Time.

- Venus and Adones



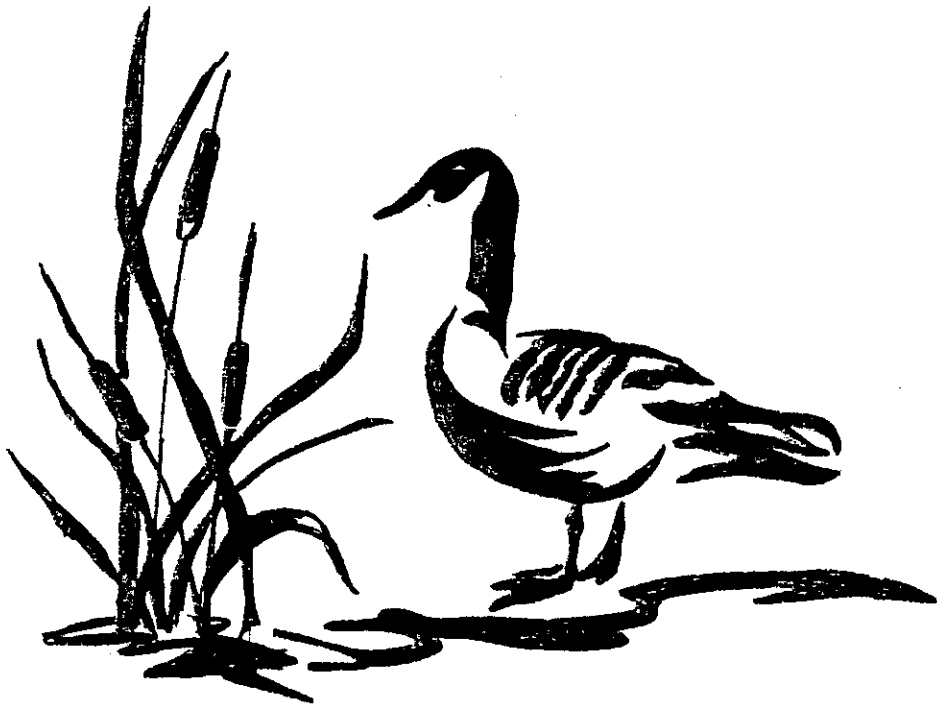
.....Like wind flies Time 'Tween birth and death;
Therefore, as long as thou hast breath,
of care for two days hold thee free:
The day that was and is to be.

- The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
(Bodenstedt's Version)

..... Time flies like an arrow

Days and months like a shuttle

- Chinese Proverb



.....Time shall unfold what plighted cunning hides;

Who covers faults, at last shame them derides.

- Shakespeare
King Lear

..... See to it lest you try aught to conceal:

Time sees and hears all, and will all reveal.

- Sophocles
Fragments



.....Time glides by with constant movement,
Not unlike a stream.
For neither can a stream stay its course,
Nor can the fleeting hour.

- Ovid
Metamorphoses

.....Time is a flowing river.

Happy those who allow themselves

to be carried, unresisting with the current.

They flow through easy days.

They live, unquestioning, in the moment.

- Christopher Morley
When the Blue Begins



.....The past is a bucket of ashes,
So live not in your yesterdays, nor just for
tomorrow, but in the here and now.
Keep moving and forget the postmortems.
And remember, no one can get the jump on the
Future.

- Carl Sandburg

.....The stairway of Time ever echoes
with the wooden shoe going up,
and the polished boot coming down -

- Carl Sandburg



..... You cannot assure yourself today that you
shall behold tomorrow's dawn;
Even to dwell upon tomorrow, is mere madness;
If your heart is wide awake, do not waste in
torpor
This little pinch of life,
For there is no proof how long it shall be with you.

- The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
(McCarthy Version)

.....The more we live, more brief appear
our life's succeeding stages;
A day to childhood seems a year,
And years like passing ages.

- Campbell
A Thought Suggested by the
New Year



.....Do not look back - and do not dream about
the Future.

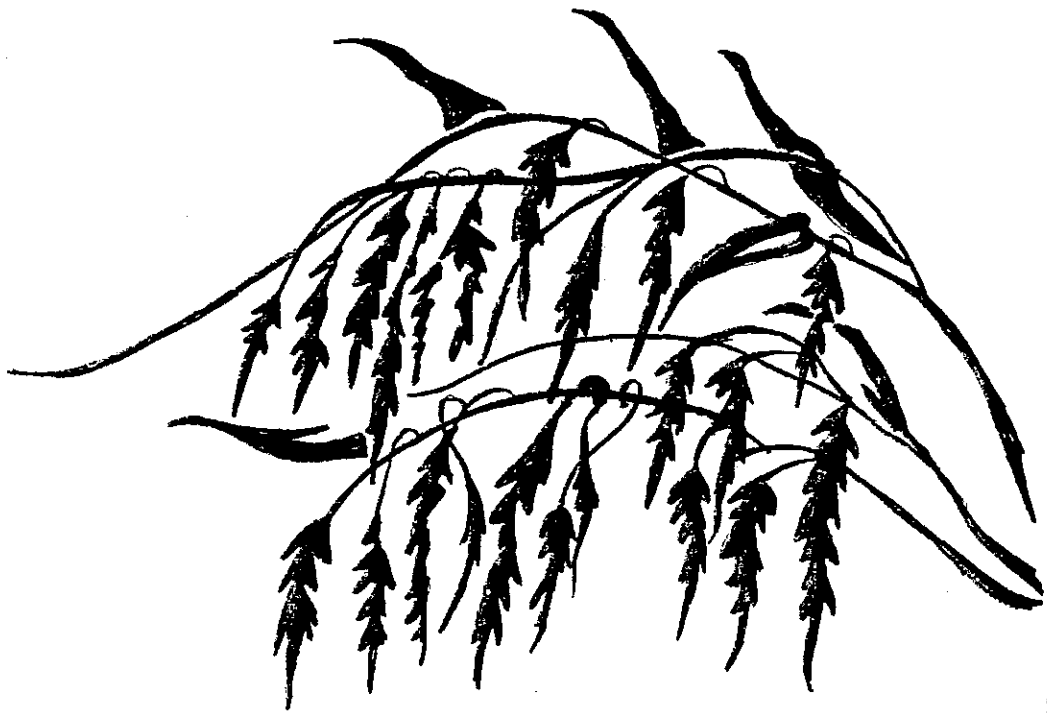
It will neither give you back the past or satisfy
your daydreams.

Your Duty - Your Reward - Your Destiny
Is Here and Now !

- Dag Hammarskjöld

.....Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He, who can call today his own:
He, who secure within, can say,
Tomorrow, Do thy worst, for I have
liv'd today.

- Dryden
Imitation of Horace



.....I am not afraid of tomorrow

For I have seen yesterday,

and I love Today.

Let your forebodings of the future go,

Love Today

and live Today.....

- Osumi

.....Today is ours; what do we fear ?

Today is ours; we have it here.

Let's treat it kindly, that it may

Wish, at least, with us to stay.

Let's banish business, banish sorrow;

To the gods belongs Tomorrow.

- Abraham Cowley
Anacreontique - The Epicure



.....This day was Yesterday Tomorrow nam'd:

Tomorrow shall be Yesterday proclaimed:

Tomorrow not yet come, not far away,

What shall Tomorrow then be call'd ?

Today.

- Owen
Today and Tomorrow

.....Ah, my belove'd fill the cup that clears

Today of past regrets and Future fears:

Tomorrow ? - Why, Tomorrow I may be

Myself with Yesterday's sev'n thousand years.

- Omar Khayyam Rubaiyat
(Fitzgerald Version)



.....Do more than exist - Live ;
Do more than touch - Feel ;
Do more than look - Observe ;
Do more than hear - Listen ;
Do more than think - Ponder ;
Do more than talk - Say Something !

- John Rhoades

.....Dost thou love Life ?

Then do not squander Time,

For that's the stuff Life is made of.

- Benjamin Franklin
Poor Richard



..... LORD:

Remind me each day

That the race is not always to the swift;

That there is more to Life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward into the towering oak

And know that it grew great and strong

Because it grew slowly and well.

- Orin L. Crain

.....This little strip of Night

'Twixt night and night,

Let me keep bright today !....

And of tomorrow shall be sad,

or never come at all, I've had at least

Today !

- Unknown
"Today"



.....There is no Future

There never was;

Our Future is Today; not Tomorrow, but now.

There is no Tomorrow,

What is becoming of us today, now, is the

only question that really matters.

- Miguel de Unamuno

.....Tomorrow, you will live, you always cry;

In what fair country does this morrow lie,

That 'tis so mighty long ere it arrive ?

Beyond the Indies does this morrow live ?

'Tis so far-fetched, this morrow that I fear

'Twill be both very old and very dear.

"Tomorrow I will Live ", the food does say:

Today itself's too late; - the wise lived

Yesterday.

- Martial
Epigrams



.....In every area of human existence the wheel turns

What's up today will be down tomorrow.

What was in yesterday - is out today.

Every day things happen which makes the wheel turn,

And it's up to each one of us which way it goes.

- William I. Nichols

.....NO ! No arresting the vast wheel of Time,
That round and round still turns with onward might,
Stern, dragging thousands to the dreaded night,
Of an unknown hereafter.

- Charles Cowden Clarke
The Course of Time

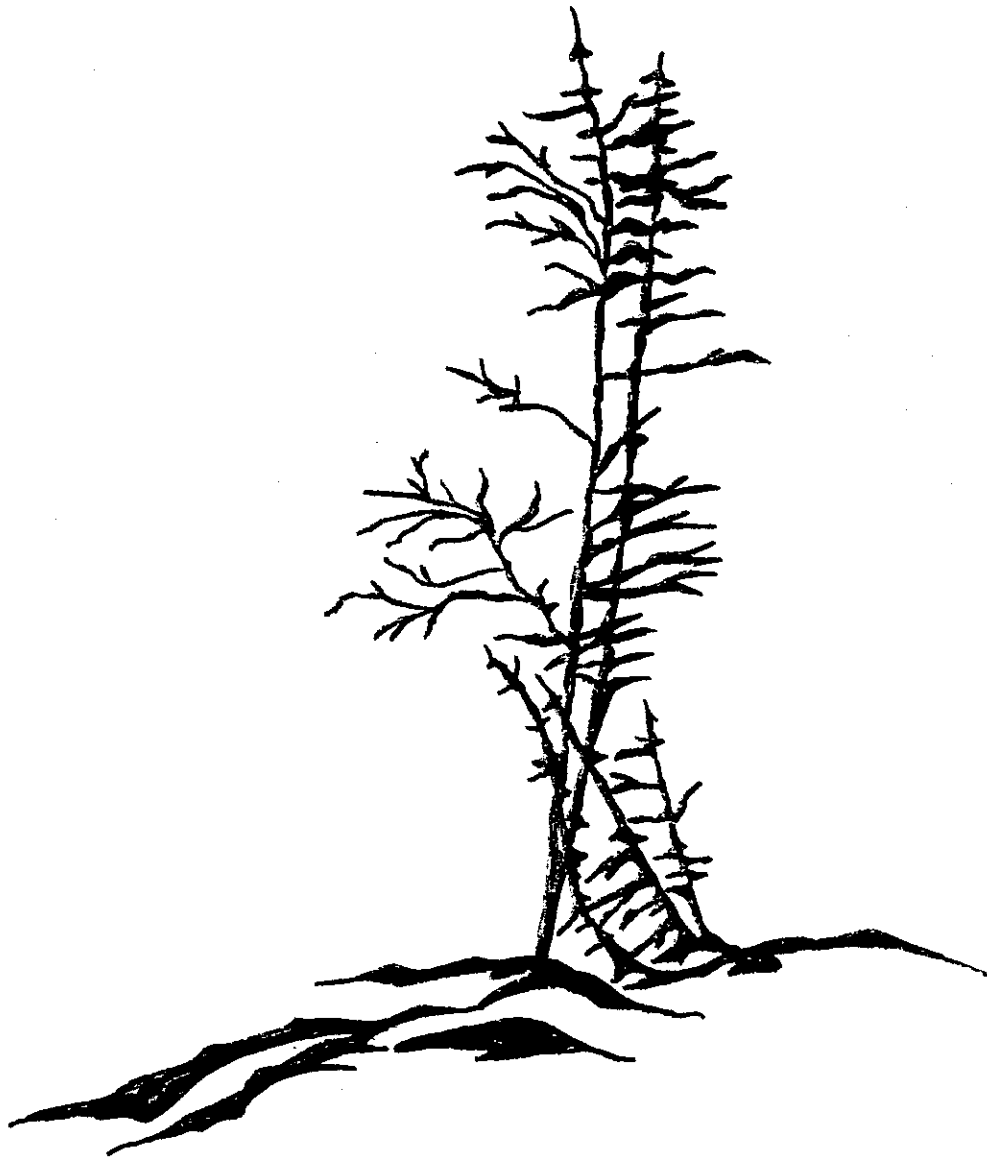


.....The Formula - "When in Doubt Do" - eliminates
the threats and problems of non-living.
This will thrust you forward into the unknown,
Into the world of testing and trusting your own spirit.

- Arthur Gordon

.....Trust on and think Tomorrow will repay;
Tomorrow's falser than the former day;
Lies worse; and while it says, we shall be blest
With some new joys, cuts off what we possest.

- Dryden
Aureng-Zebe



.....By what we do and by what we leave undone,
Each of us has a genuine effect on history.
Each of us makes a difference and each of us
is responsible for the difference he makes.

- Toynbee

.....Tomorrow's fate, though thou be wise,
Thou canst not tell nor yet surmise;
Pass, therefore, not today in vain,
For it will never come again.

- The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
(Bodenstedt's Version)



.....In crossing the desert, look not backward
at thy footprints in the sand,
But gaze forward to the mountains ahead....

- Ancient Inca Proverb

.....Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day
To the last syllable of recorded Time,
And all our Yesterdays have lighted fools the
way to dusty death.

- Shakespeare
MacBeth



.....There are a great many people so busy
doing things - but they have no destination
in Life,
It is not enough to be busy
The question is - "What are you busy about ?"

- Osumi

.....The Past is but the beginning of a beginning,
And all that is and has been is but
The twilight of the dawn...
A day will come when beings who are no latent
in our thoughts and hidden in our loins shall stand
upon this earth as one stands upon a footstool,
And shall laugh and reach out their hands amid
the stars.....

- Herbert Wells
The Discovery of the Future



.....Yesterday is dead and gone

And Tomorrow's out of sight

And Today it's sad to be alone

Help me make it through the night -

- Kris Kristofferson

.....Some say "Tomorrow" never comes.

A saying oft thought right;

But if tomorrow never came,

No end were of "Tonight".

The fact is this, Time flies so fast,

That e'er we've time to say

"Tomorrow's come", Presto ! Behold !

"Tomorrow" proves "Today".

- Unknown



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here tomorrow

Now they worry whether tomorrow will

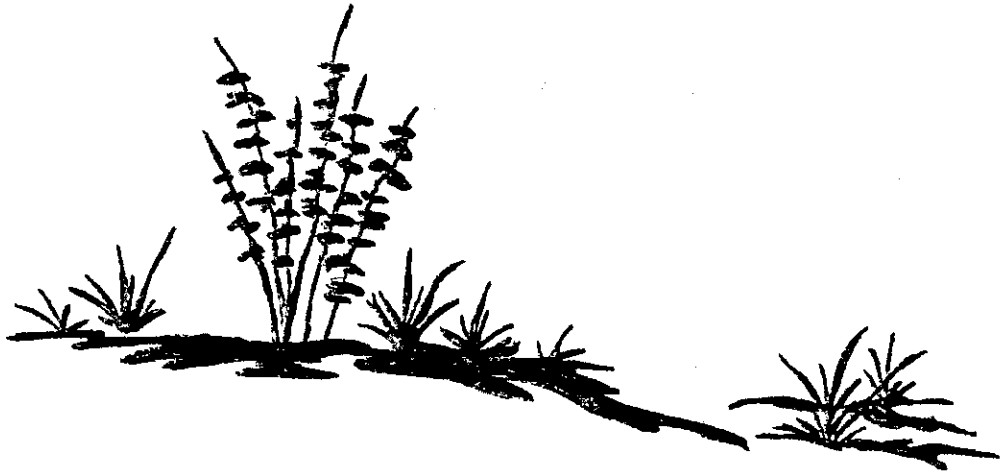
be here.....

- Country Parson

.....Boast not thyself of Tomorrow;

For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

- Old Testament
Proverbs XXVII.L



.....L I V E.....

So that your memories are good companions

To the end of your days.....

- Longfellow

.....Every man is the creature of the age in which
he lives;

Very few are able to raise themselves above the
ideas of the Times.

- Voltaire



.....I have no light to illuminate

the pathway of the future

Save that which falls over my shoulder

From the past.

- Patrick Henry

.....Every day for everyone of us

Some distant trumpet sounds,

But never too faint or too far for our

answer to be -

"Wait, I'm coming".....

- Unknown



.....Yesterday was a waste of time for anyone
who isn't wiser than he was then -

- Country Parson

.....Mankind looks forth with careful glance,
Time steady plies the oars,
While old age calmly waits to hear
The keel upon the shore.

- F.T. Stuart



.....Where art thou, beloved Tomorrow ?

When young and old and strong and weak,

Rich and poor, through gay and sorrow,

Thy sweet smiles we ever seek -

In thy place - AH! Well-a-day !

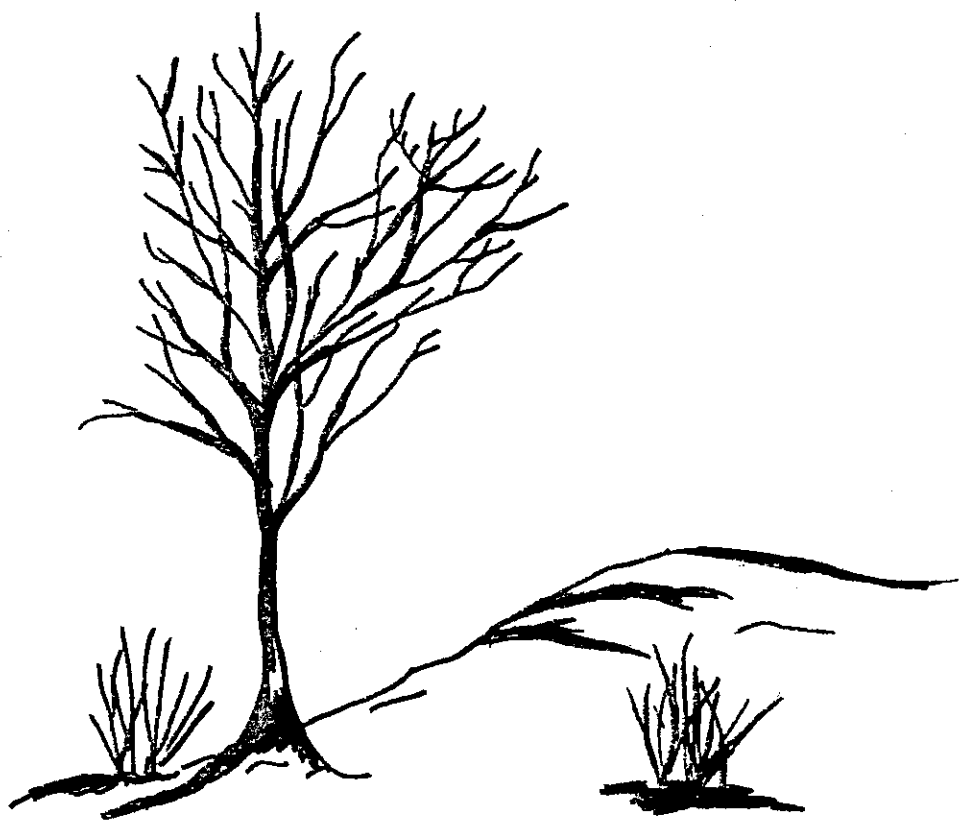
We find the thing we fled - Today !

- Shelley
Tomorrow

.....Today is the Tomorrow

You worried about Yesterday

- June Sneddon



.....Yesterday is past

It is passed as a river is past

When it is crossed.

But the River remains -

The water is still there....

- Stuart Cloete

.....That great mystery of Time were there no other;
The illimitable, silent, never-resting thing called
Time;
Rolling, rushing on, swift, silent, like an all-embracing
ocean tide on which we and all the universe swim like
exhalations,
Life apparitions which are, and then are not;
This is forever very literally a miracle;
A thing to strike us dumb, - for we have no word to
speak about it.

- Carlyle
Heroes and Hero Worship



.....If you are tired of waiting

For your ship to come in -

Why not try wading after it ?

- Unknown

.....You have to do something with your Todays
Or else your Tomorrows will be filled with
empty Yesterdays.

- Osumi



.....My life lasts but a day or two, and past
sweeps by, like torrent stream or desert blast,
Howbeit, of two days I take no heed,
The day that's Future, and the day that's Past -

- The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
(Whinfield Version)

.....The man who wastes Today
Lamenting Yesterday,
Will waste Tomorrow
Lamenting Today.

- P.M. Raskin

