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*“All the bells say: too late.” John Berryman, “Dream Song 29*

Distances are smaller, sound thinner, time faster.  
Trees and fences stretched much higher, in childhood,  
creeks impassable at six feet wide.  
The distance from six to sixty is immaterial now  
because it measures only backward.  
The wet pavement where buses whisked away  
school friends to their exotic homes  
stands bare, as twilight flares and fades.  
Sister, cousin, shadows walk with me,  
phantom whispers of what was  
and never came to be.

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