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To my symbionic correlates, my mates of late of my bioregion, all my playful participants in our home-land or biopatch, I say welcome. He who celebrates the facts of life, our cheek-by-jowl intrepid inter-existence, will not be lost. Forward we must go folks: fellow mouth-mutating microbes, or gut instinctual dwellers of bowel tracts, even our skin-flake feeders (not corn-flakes) are fellow travellers, all in the jolly biosphere together right up to here. Or was it there? Sometimes I lose track of the bleeders, rellies, mates, the whole damn family in this welter of companionable lives (and that includes the grass on which we tread). Yet we swarm on, offspring gathered at the knee, waiting some great Gaiadeity.

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