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What opposites in test tubes,  
with curiosity,  
were mixed to make reactions which  
have ended up as me?

The Scientist created, and  
a Board renews his grants  
no matter His success rate.  
I'm grateful for his chance.

Occasional explosions  
or subtler incidents  
threaten forward progress:  
The experiment's

refunded every autumn,  
if not with every spring,  
when everything starts turning  
back into everything

as we turn into us—now,  
for instance—and persist,  
as long as there are funds left,  
and the Scientist.