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By Dr. Shyamkant Kulkarni

Once upon a time,
Once upon a time,
That is not too far away—
Seems it was just yesterday.

I broke walls of my home
To find a new home.
When I was too tired to roam,
I did find a new home.

When somebody asks me now and then
“When are you going to your home of homes?
Which do you like more—
This home or that home?”

I want to write of my home—
New home, new friends, new happenstances, new circumstances.
But then somebody asks aloud,
“Tell us of that home which is on the west side
In the land that Highway 35 divides.”

Texas and Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas,
I-40 and I-35
East Main and Nash
Streets and Boulevards,
Bricks and mortars,
New walls and fences.

New places and new chains—
Inside I have growing pains.
Ahead of me is a new horizon,
Inside another horizon.

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