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Parallel Universe

I see your face beside me
just like this, through years
each line earned and loved
roots entwined in shared history
feelings sharp and deep

as though we had remained
together in each other's arms
as if our story uninterrupted
had thrived
with years of yearning cast aside

in some remote locale
a butterfly's wings flap furiously, desperate to thwart
this precious thing we built over decades together

Note: "Parallel Universe" is a modulator poem. A modulator poem uses a tiling from Le Corbusier's Le Modulor. A poem is placed in each rectangular tile in such a way that new poems are created when we read two or more poems across multiple tiles as though there are no vertical lines of separation. An additional poem is created by combining all tiles together into a single poem.