

Change vs. Progress

Not all change
is progress.

Progress is change
for the better:
amelioration;
but there is also change
for the worse:
deterioration.

Change for the sake of change
is also not progress,
but the itch
for novelty.

All things, however,
do change
with one exception:
change itself.

Sometimes it is futile
to resist change,
when it is wiser to
recognize and redirect it:
This is progress.

Many fear change because of
what they will lose;
they should rather examine it
for what they can gain.
This is progress.

Change entails
the sorrow of loss
but also includes
the joy of discovery.
This is progress.

Those who oppose change
fear that
things will get worse;
but, without change,
how will they get better?
This is progress.

The mind should be a crucible
melting down concepts
and freeing them from dross;
but sometimes it is a freezer
immobilizing truths
and rendering them useless.
That is not progress.

You can, therefore,
refuse to change
and call it preservation;
others, however,
look at your obstinacy
and call it stagnation.
That is definitely
not progress!

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