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by Daniel R. Schwarz

“I am in an elegiac mood,
nostalgic for what should have been,
anxious to mourn days gone by,
to find paths not taken,
words not said;
I need to drink from dregs of regret and loss.”

“Let us not live in the world of
what if or might have been
or I should have and could have,
and almost or but....
She’s gone and it’s time to build a tomorrow.

“I need to scold and blame myself and suffer
romantic agony.”

“Ah poor man,
there you go again.
Revel in the world’s
delicious cornucopia of pleasures;
each day’s a harvest, banquet, and bouquet.”

