

REMEMBRANCE: **Recalling the Events of 2000**

2000: Wasn't that the year Gao Xingjian got a Nobel prize
& we learned how snowflakes in water sound?

Wasn't that when gene therapy began
& the rhythm of solar heartbeats was found?

Didn't mad cow disease rampage Europe that year
as we learned how fungi survive in space?

That year didn't John Adams compose "El Niño"
as Putin stepped onto the world's stage?

Yes!

That was the year JP Norman explored new horizons
& Gwendolyn Brooks bid farewell to poetry.

So why remember that - or any year?

Perhaps because the past
is in you and me.

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