

**OBLIVION WIND**

Of course,  
many of us were related  
in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century,  
just about the time  
human sensibility  
began to expand  
exponentially.

That is to say,  
our same oblivion  
existed,  
familial differences  
notwithstanding.

And I bet  
fresh bread  
was as delicious  
during the Renaissance  
as it might've been  
50 thousand years prior!

But have we come so far  
after all...  
bulldozing the Amazon,  
littering the moon,  
inventing HMO's,  
creating a junk culture  
beyond our wildest dreams?

Most mornings,  
despite *Claire de Lune*  
trickling the dusty vents  
of my alarm clock,

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I still hear  
the oblivion wind  
howling  
above my coffee-maker.

- Alan Britt