the winds of change so that they can gather speed and spread, and break down more barriers.

Perhaps what we see today in the Arab world marks the beginning of a universal transformation whose time must inevitably come, because the current system of global hegemony and the globalisation of dominance is rife with contradictions that can only be resolved by revolutionary transformations on a global scale. In this turbulent world, we – the Palestinians – stand on the right side of history: the side that is fighting for freedom and human dignity. Our allies are the Arab and international forces of progress and change. As for those who are wagering their bets on the adversary, they will reap nothing but disappointment.

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**Setting Out**

They are half-prepared for the demanding trail, equipped with trekking poles and boots well-worn, to walk the walk, two pensioners in Palestine. Awkwardly, systematically, they hike around Isca’s rough outskirts, circling the whole city by way of bridle paths, green lanes, fields, marshy ground, marking the traces of that place they thought they knew.

But such new knowledge is best learned on foot. So you and I, as *bien-pensants* maybe, stick to our trawl, map the small items of love’s psychogeography. Stray faces, trees or stones, facets of treasure found – what dreams recalled! Seems like it’s never too late to mend old fences nor confront that fearful Wall, years ago so remote, now looming in plain view.

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