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For the Same Reason

The whole world  
Remains much the same—

The unwary  
Beyond the reach of

The ordinary word  
Said at the beginning,

The other point of view  
A thousand miles distant,

Every line in the landscape  
A single day—

A fine dust  
On the same map.



## ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

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“For the Same Reason” is crafted from *The Climates of the Continents* (1922) by W. G. Kendrew. About the poem and her process of composition Deborah says:

For “For the Same Reason” I started by compiling a selection of words and phrases from W. G. Kendrew’s *The Climates of the Continents*. From this list I selected a few phrases as candidates for potential titles. Working with one potential title at a time I then began pairing and combining phrases to create meaningful context. The process included multiple revisions and often resulted in the final selection of a title that differed from the original used as a starting point.

Deborah Purdy’s work has also appeared in *Gravel*, *Apeiron Review*, *Found Poetry Review*, *Cleaver Magazine*, and *The American Poetry Journal*. A retired librarian, she lives outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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