

REMEMBRANCE: **Recalling the Events of 2000**

2000: Wasn't **that the year** Gao Xíngjian 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 then
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!

Then **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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