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Leave-Taking of Pascha

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Thirty-nine days
Are sufficient
For rejoicing.
Spend more time
At it than that
And you begin
To miss the other
Resurrections
That bless the cosmos
Every time honesty
And compassion
Come to their
Inevitable conclusions.
These small risings-from-the-dead,
Unadorned by empty tombs,
Can be easy to miss.
So, then, let us take
This farewell to be
The beginning of a
326-day opportunity
To pay attention to them.
In Leap Year, 327.

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