

*ostensibly (the pendulum is stilled)*

[for Antoine, Chiyoko, Christoph, István, James, Joe, Johnny,  
Jürg, Manfred, Michael, Radu, Stefan, Taylan & Tobias]

mark so

*One might like to rest or read,  
Take walks, celebrate the kitchen table,  
Pat the dog absentmindedly, meanwhile  
Thinking gloomy thoughts—so many separate  
Ways of doing, one is uncertain  
How the future is going to handle this.*

[...]

*And from growing dim, the coals  
Fall alight. There are two ways to be.  
You must try getting up from the table  
And sitting down relaxed in another country  
Wearing red suspenders  
Toward one's own space and time.*

– John Ashbery, “Ostensibly”

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