

how long has it been

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since a girl took my hand like that

has it ever happened before

it felt familiar
but I can't remember . . .

walking to a dance at the lake
when I was 10?

I must have dreamed it

it feels so familiar

this time
50 more years have run by
girl is a strong woman
and the innocence of her taking my hand
now
walking down off the trail, onto road
lifts me softly up to the time
when all my power was hope and vision

awes me to feel my own innocence
still alive inside
flowing outwards
to be captured quietly
and brought back to what was once
so holy in me

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