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Yannick.

I saw a boy in the train  
who looked at the passing land- and cityscapes  
with open eyes and an innocence  
I haven't seen since long.

He was so eager to absorb everything  
but of course he was too young really.  
He still needed some years.  
Still, he reminded me  
of when I was a boy about his age,  
and with the same eagerness to understand it all.

Yannick touched my heart  
and when I almost finished this poem I asked him:  
"Can I come and sit with you?".  
He said yes and I moved over to his bench  
and said: "I just wrote a poem about you  
and a little bit of myself.

It's in English but I can translate and read it for you" and I did.  
And I asked: "What do you think about it?"  
He said: "It's beautiful".  
I wrote the translation for and gave it to him,  
saying: "never stop to be eager,  
to see and understand all."