

Seek Out Immutable Landscapes:

It is not exactly nostalgia. A certain tenderness, perhaps, a slightly melancholic form of curiosity. It drives one to seek out landscapes which are the same today as they have been for tens of thousands of years.

Are there places that haven't changed at all? Which bear no trace of human activity?

What forest has remained the same? What region, which landscape, hill can show a wholly unmodified face? What mountain even? You start looking. You try various approaches.

Approximations and hesitations. There's always a nagging doubt; hasn't agriculture changed everything? Erosion? Industry? You may imagine that a particular panorama, taken in the round has remained identical to what a stone age man might have seen. But you are never completely certain.

There is a solution close at hand. Turn to look out to sea. Nothing has changed here. An Identical stretch of water is still there. From time immemorial.

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