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Comrades,

As soon as we heard the news about Galeano, we felt again those turbulent winds blowing on the calendars and the geographies of all those who are below and outside the system.

No matter how far apart we are, and despite the many clocks and calendars that exist between us, we stand by your side, with pain and rage, but mostly with solidarity and respect.

Because as long as there are homeless you provide them with shelter…

Because as long as there are landless people, you provide them with land…

Because as long as there are people starving you distribute bread to them…

Because as long as there are patients, you provide them with medicine and access to health care…

Because as long as there are people who are illiterate, you build schools for them…

Because as long as there is cheap labor in the maquiladoras and the farms, you continue to fight for autonomy and independence…

Because as long as there are people who are marginalised and excluded, you keep struggling for self-organisation and democracy…

Because as long as there are slaves and masters, subordinates and rulers you continue to dream about freedom…

Because even as your evil government declares war, you continue to talk about peace…

And because even though the others are falling into oblivion, you remember the long dark nights and you move towards another reality (realidad); slowly but steadily, just like snails (caracoles) in the jungle…

We thank you for reminding us about old-Antonio dreaming – just like you, we and many others, we are also dreaming. Just as the kings, the lords and the bosses are dreaming, but some are dreaming

about the beginning and others about the end.

And indeed, the time of the awakening is approaching, as our clocks are syncing with yours, and as our calendars are closer to meeting yours.

From another small corner of the world

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