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Big Data

If you can work with vast amounts of
data and comprehend it, you are the
future.

—*The New York Times*

In a warm late-March just before dusk,
my four-year old daughter says Listen—crickets.

And damned if I don't first time this year
hear the small song emerge

from hedges of our fourscore
and seventeen year-old neighbor

who walks, bent to the question mark
of his body. Data, shmata.

Today I deduce hope for the future.