

POEMS FROM "RETURN TO ARMENIA"

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Armenia And the Double Helix

Two intertwined strands,
not quite identical,
yet from the same original genetic source.
Positioned differently in crucial ways.

Like a complex double helix,
Armenia and the Diaspora
intertwined,
but also distinct.

Each needing the other
to sustain a dynamic and vibrant community.
Hayastan and Armenia,
twin strands,
defining each other.

A complex nation
that has struggled to survive
and is a wonder
to behold.

