When they bury me in twenty years
I hope someone remembers
to gently place
my heart in the casket,
the heart cut out
last year,
the one that now floats
in formaldehyde.

Two billion beats
without a pause:
can one ask for more?

Figure 1. Apical four-chamber echocardiogram; left ventricle (LV), right ventricle (RV), left atrium (LA), right atrium (RA); the atria are elongated, a finding common in transplanted hearts. The letters “x” and “y” depict sites where the atria of the donor heart were sutured to the native heart.

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