

It's fall of 2016, and there's enough war, want,
sickness, oppression, and political vitriol roiling in
our world to make us all tilt our heads in wonder,
and stir up some sleepless nights.

As editors who get to work with writers and readers
from around the world, though, it is our experience
that the substantial majority of them—in all corners—
are inquisitive and compassionate people who wish no
harm to others, who want to live in a peaceful world.

In the face of so many troubles, it seems worth
remembering: most people, despite the racket
that would suggest otherwise, are, at their
core, decent human beings.

Looking forward,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda K. Simon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.