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Homage to Charles M. Schultz

How dare you dance!
scolded Lucy. Don't you know
there are problems in this world?
How's dancing going to solve them?

And Linus might have said:
for everything there is a season—
a time to cry, a time to dance!

But he and Snoopy laugh themselves silly,
spinning arm in arm and singing.
And along comes Woodstock
and Sally and Charlie Brown
and Schroeder and Peppermint Patty and Marcie,
even Lucy and the girl with naturally curly hair
kick up their heels.

As one beagle might
bang on the typewriter—
the world's full of possibility
for those who greet it
with open arms. Even Lucy agrees
when she takes the doctor's seat.
Five cents please.