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# DEDICATION

For Frances, Silas, Tallulah and Tom

## EPIGRAPHS

In five-score summers! All new eyes,  
New minds, new modes, new fools, new wise;  
New woes to weep, new joys to prize;  
    With nothing left of me and you  
    In that live century's vivid view  
    Beyond a pinch of dust or two;  
    A century which, if not sublime,  
Will show, I doubt not, at its prime,  
    A scope above this blinkered time.

*From '1967', by Thomas Hardy (written in 1867)*

‘What a remarkable fifty years they have been for the world ... Think what  
we would have missed if we had never heard the Beatles.’

*Queen Elizabeth II, speaking in November 1997 at a celebration of her golden wedding anniversary*

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