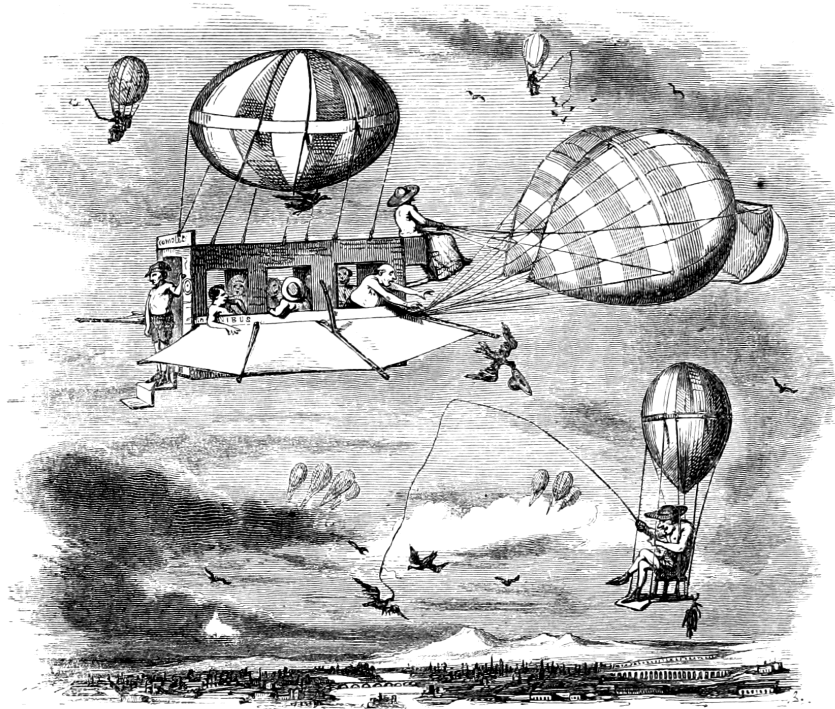


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In 2023 the COP meeting in Dubai called for a "just, orderly and equitable" transition away from fossil fuels. It would be difficult for any reasonable person to take a position *against* the transition. But perhaps reason is not helpful here and now. I put literary narratives (primarily French and Italian, although in theory I am suggesting a broader method) in conversation with climate policy, in order to undo a complacent faith in "transition." What are its temporal logics? How will we know when it is over? Can economic transformations or scientific shifts provide useful models? And ultimately, how does literary writing, with its potential ruptures or failures, stand in relation to our collective dream of a smooth sail into a fossil-free future?

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