

MIGHT AS WELL BE MAGELLAN'S SHIPS

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Before the fever eased, waking often
from short sleeps. Some of these can be explained.

Photographs can survive water, for instance. If you were
to submerge a box. Dear friend,

how surprising you are in your body.
You asked, "What is your relationship

to despair?"
I said "sisterly."

Events in our lives—luck—have caused us to grow apart
but I still see myself in you,

and take your responses to mean, as we say around here:
"Leave it out, Voltaire. I'm starving."