For more than a decade we have walked together, side by side and in tandem.

Once, we walked with straight backs and strong legs, confidently balanced.

No longer.

Though we still walk together, side by side and in tandem.

Our once supple responsive bodies, both now damaged by time passing,

Have aged in parallel inflicting changes, similar, progressive,

Slowing our pace.

Noticeable limp.

Unsteadiness of gait.

Distressing for me, seemingly less so for her.

For as long a time as we have remaining we will walk together, side by side and in tandem,

My canine companion, Tilly, and me.

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