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'So I came back. For a long time I must have been insensible upon the machine. The blinking succession of the days and nights was resumed, the sun got golden again, the sky blue. I breathed with greater freedom. The fluctuating contours of the land ebbed and flowed. The hands spun backward upon the dials. At last I saw again the dim shadows of houses, the evidences of decadent humanity. These, too, changed and passed, and others came. Presently, when the million dial was at zero, I slackened speed. I began to recognize our own petty and familiar architecture, the thousands hand ran back to the starting-point, the night and day flapped slower and slower. Then the old walls of the laboratory came round me. Very gently now, I slowed the mechanism down.

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

To resume	يستأنف
The fluctuating contours of the land	أطراف الأرض المتوجة
The hands spun backward upon the dial	دارت العقارب في اتجاه عكسي على قرص الساعة
Decadent humanity	بشرية متدهورة
I slackened speed	خففت السرعة
Flapped slower and slower	تخفق ببطء متزايد