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So we proceed to the first of our four main questions: what was SF? This is, at one level, essentially a question of definition. (1) Definitions need not necessarily be academic, but academics nonetheless have a professional penchant for definition, given that it is quite fundamental to what they do, and it is difficult to imagine any more archetypically academic definitions than those proposed in Suvin's Metamorphoses of Science Fiction. Its foundational definition is elaborated in the first chapter:

(2) SF is . . . a literary genre whose necessary and sufficient conditions are the presence and interaction of estrangement and cognition, and whose main formal device is an imaginative framework alternative to the author's empirical environment. (Suvin, 1979, 7-8)

Almost equally significant is the supplementary definition given on the first page of the influential fourth chapter:

SF is distinguished by the narrative dominance or hegemony of a fictional 'novum' (novelty, innovation) validated by cognitive logic. (Suvin, 1979, 63)

In my experience, (3)these definitions function extraordinarily well as pedagogical devices for teaching SF. The testable, even examinable, questions follow on with remarkable facility: Where is the estrangement in this novel? What exactly is its novum? Is it strangely new? Is it hegemonic? Is it validated by cognitive logic? The first definition is acceptably elitist insofar as it is confined to literature, as distinct from film or television, but also nicely contrarian, insofar as it seeks to expand the canon to include something as inherently disreputable as SF. And it is simultaneously theoretically rich and respectably radical, insofar as it derives from Russian Formalism by way of Bertolt Brecht. The second replicates the latter achievement, insofar as it derives from Bloch out of Antonio Gramsci. Suvin's definitions were, in short, just what the Doctor of Philosophy had ordered.

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'Twas just this time, last year, I died.

I know I heard the Corn,

When I was carried by the Farms –

It had the Tassels on -

I thought how yellow it would look -

When Richard went to mill -

And then, I wanted to get out,

But something held my will.

(2)

The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day,

The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,

The plowman homeward plods his weary way,

And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,

And all the air a solemn stillness holds,

Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,

And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds;

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