

Let me conclude on a hopeful note. There are signs that policy-making, both domestic and international, is beginning to adapt to growing global interdependence. The question, as I said, is one of timing. Perhaps fear of mutual peril will be the forcing mechanism rather than more high-minded appeals to concord, reciprocity and teamwork. A poem by Lewis Carroll is apt:

"The valley grew narrow
and narrower still,
And the evening got darker
and colder,
Til merely from nervousness
(not from goodwill)
They marched along shoulder
to shoulder."