

# Consolations of Quantum Mechanics

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In the “Many Worlds” theory, we inhabit only  
one of the possible worlds in all possible universes  
among which, every event that has ever occurred,  
or will ever occur  
(not to speak of those presently occurring)  
leads at every moment  
to some other outcome  
than the one you could have done without  
until all infinite possibilities are enacted,  
somewhere,  
which means that  
the big-bellied grey cat with a weepy right eye  
who failed to come back from a stroll  
last October  
is right now, in some other world,  
sitting on our back stoop  
waiting for the door to open  
and welcome him home.

