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FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTE

To some in our midst the changes in the contemporary publishing world represent a triumph of the new over the decrepit, a chance to inhale the ether and soar to new heights. To others, they can seem as nightmarish as a Russian peasant speaking French, like omens of our own demise. We have tried to steer a middle course in the current redesign of The Iowa Review, neither sailing away into the ether nor slinking off into a backwater. As we celebrate our fortieth anniversary in 2010, we wish to re-emphasize our commitment to what has made TIR a centerpiece of contemporary American letters while exploring the opportunities that new technologies and new ideas about the world make available today. You can find more and other aspects of the new lowa Review at www.iowareview.org ...

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