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"Comme la vie est lente
Et comme Vespérance violente"

(Hozo slow life is
And how violent is Hope)

Apollinaire

In 1976, two years after the beginning of the Portuguese revolution, which brought to an end the longest autocracy in European contemporary history, an American historian by the name of Robert Harvey, who had previously written that Portugal, a country even smaller than Scotland, "is a peanut of a country", raised what seemed to him the essential question concerning the then-uncertain process of democratic rebirth in the southwestern corner of Europe. He wrote: "If it fails, and a military dictatorship moves in once again, it will lend credence to the almost racist, but among many Portuguese and Spaniards alike widely held idea that Iberians are inherently incapable of democracy"\(^1\). And,

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