WN #45: Revisiting the Past

In Chapter 6, Nick explains Gatsby’s desire: “He wanted nothing less of Daisy than that she should go to Tom and say: ‘I never loved you.’ After she had obliterated four years with that sentence they could …. go back to Louisville and be married from her house—just as if it were five years ago.”

Then, later, Gatsby proclaims: “Can’t repeat the past?...Why of course you can!”

What do you think about this? Is it possible to return to the past? Is it a good idea to try?