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No heart's-ease may I find
that will assuage
this rigor of the mind,
the printed page.

I saw only thy face
and not thy form;
wisdom has little grace
to keep me warm.

I cannot choose re-birth,
luxury, gold;
Helen is long in earth,
Troy's ash is cold.

He who would live with thee
and for his song
gain immortality
has chosen wrong.