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## "When Thou Must Home"

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"When thou must home"

We both have tried to find  
a virtue which may last  
to reassure the mind  
against the instant past.

In others we remark  
how, behind piety,  
the gradual impious dark  
blinds the acuity.

As each hour falls away  
like arc of fading tide  
no beauty gives you stay  
to mark sustaining pride.

So I have chosen this:  
to say, though you will change,  
made mortal by a kiss,  
I may not find you strange.

Because you mirror so  
my own desuetude  
our love may overthrow  
all change as platitude.