

## Faded Years

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To not forget our loving, should I a sign implore?  
I'd ask for you, but dearest, you are your own no more  
Nor do I beg a flower from in your golden hair  
Forgetfulness, beloved is but my single player

Oh what a sad sensation, when joy that soon did wane  
Not swift with it to vanish, but ever here remain!

When through life to wander it has been writ, it seem  
A dream made out of shadow, a shadow made of dream

No matter when I die, this or some later day  
My wish is out of the mind of all to I pass away  
And you forget the dream that our two hearts endears  
When you loom back, beloved, upon the faded years

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A chant of lamentation within cold walls of chime  
To beg for me in weeping the peace of endless time

As though those hours of wonder in fact we did not live  
That I so deeply love you dear one can you forgive?

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Afar of in distance a flock of crows arise  
And darken all the heavens before my sightless eyes  
Beyond the earth's steep margin a hurricane does start  
Flinging to the world my dust and to the wind my heart

Yet as in spring the blossom do you remain the while  
With gentle eyes and humid and tender, childish smile  
So much a child, yet seeming each day to younger grow  
And of my fate know nothing as I too nothing know

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