Mystery

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Somewhere there's a soccer game. I can hear the wild crowd moan. It's not that life here's distasteful to me It's just that I'm all alone. I wanted what took a lifetime to learn. And that determined then With no more pause than a sigh Turn and start again. It's not that it's such a mystery. I saw it from miles away. In time I'll only think of you When I'm buttering my toast Or in some other reflexive moment When I expect the least Or the most. It's not the most. It's not that it's such a mystery It was practically on display.

We've got "world enough and time" And "wither youth" comes or goes. I hope you'll always think of me as "mine" And not one of those. It's not that it's such a mystery This new-found malaise. It's just that this mystery Has taken your place.