

Out of the night that covers me  
black as the pit from pole to pole  
I thank whatever gods may be  
for my unconquerable soul

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud  
under the bludgeonings of chance  
my head is bloody but unbowed

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
looms but the horror of shade  
and yet the menace of the years  
finds and shall find me unafraid

It matters not how strait the gate  
how charged with punishments the scroll  
I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul