Woman Of Custom

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(Moore)
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Suddenly she's opened eyes that
Fill with tears and come alive
Her stifled love sleeping forever was
Unaroused like changeless weather
And little chance that she was ever
Going to smash the precious measure

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Those years of sleep, all waking dreams Unpeopled places on painted screens And diffused in subdued streams Her life was cost, traditional schemes.

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"A hunger that lasts can have no pain" It's just these words that don't explain. Eaten alive and spat out again They jam in the memory like ancient remains.

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