

Elegy I

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This is dedicated to my Great-Grandmother who passed away, February 15, 2007, at the age of 102.

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What you never know, you'll never know to miss,
But lacking is often a poison'd kiss
And pain brings silence, too, in the shadow.
And in the dim light of fire's glow,
The passing tears of the man are shown
Regretting things, his cares are thrown
To the skies, and against the wall,
Walking alone down the angry hall.
Please promise, here, once again to me
That though we sometimes don't agree
Our dreams and voice will uplift,
A hope to cease the growing drift
Between our hearts and hopes and mind
Let the bitter and angry slowly unwind,
So that together we might sit by the fire softly
And see the things that we thought were costly,
Now lie broken and worthless on the floor,
Unwanted and useless anymore,
But that which was cheap is now of far more value,
And though we find it spare among us, true—
It can be easily regained and treasured
While we cherish the true pleasures.
So when the darkest hall and corners
Are all filled by noisy mourners
Remember that the truth is fair
And live to die without a care,
Regret that which you might have done,
And hold on to the things you've won:
Family, life, and loves most dear,
Keep in your heart, and hold them near,
Keep treasures and dearest friend,
Hold tight, hold tight, until the end.