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Ye gods! no meteor earthward  
bound,

As fast did ever drop;  
But still I cannot reach the ground  
And yet I do not stop.

At last I see a chasm deep,  
Black is that yawning pit;  
My soul cannot the body keep,  
Ere I shall come to it.

I close my eyes; a prayer is said.  
And peace with Him I make;  
And then, behold, I am not dead  
I find I am awake.

The fire is low, the shadows dim  
Awake, I sit and think  
The Beauty fair—the Gray-beard  
grim,  
And then that yawning brink.

My dream is o'er, I heave a sigh,  
Yet glad it did not last,  
The hour is late, my bed is nigh  
Another day has passed.

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It is not what we were,  
But what we might have been,  
Not what we are  
That in the nature of things is  
paramount.

For "what we are," is "what we  
will have been",  
The present is the future's  
ripened fruit,

Which, soon as mellow'd, drops  
into the past,  
Shrunken and shapeless,  
spectre-like and vague.

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