

## Gaze on me thus!

Gaze on me thus! — unmoving, without speech,  
With love-lit eyes like stars growing with night,  
Sweet-scented chestnut hair gold wrought with light,  
Soft-coloured cheek smooth like some sandy beach:—

With mouth half open, like a ripening peach,  
All hungry for a kiss that will unite  
Once more its full, oft-bitten lips blood-bright  
That slowly approach to die within love's reach.

Gaze on me thus! — and let life flee away  
Like some sweet flower that buds and blooms and dies,  
Like some soft-fading thought half-sad, haf-gay.

Gaze on me thus in silence! — and thine eyes  
Will gradually forget their light of day,  
And faint away like slowly fading-skies.

A. L.



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