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The Lost Treasures

Up the hill, a serene treasure to reap murmuring brooks and jingling bells of sheep Up the hill, sure there is a serene rite Everyday sure there is a wealthy sight One day I went up the hill with my papers and a small pencil with eraser down the valley a twinkling treasure lie I took it rashly, the brook cried but no reply. I owned august castles and pens But my castle is dark despite all candles. and my rooms are hollow despite all bibles I took my golden pen and fine papers up the hill where the lost treasures lie Only dumb bells and all echoes die

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The Nearest Exile

The nearest exile
Torture is the remembrance of that day
Happiness is the remembrance of that day
When replying to my only gem of Mud
Why my tears in her lap as flood
Why I like only first smell of her perfumes?
Why I like only first smell of drizzle on sand dunes?
Why I like first stair of her oomphy tunes?
But my devout soul steadily replies
Even your creation is for love and lust of blood
But you are created also for the universe to chew the cud
And universe creation is not for humans of blood
For this nymphs will exactly at your lip
And beads will migrate when daggers try to rib

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Wild December

I visited an exotic queer place Where blue with green come into one face Where a branch changes into a stem and beauty reaches the rim Where a tree adopts and usurps a tree and rain becomes thunders prey Fair orchards are scattered here and there and women think they are fair Rhyming drizzles, shiny in a jiff of time and times cold dull tales are our rhyme Impotent lightening kisses lusty valleys in vain and virile thunders slept with that plain Sun and rain met to contemplate and my noon rival sure is my mate I saw the face of our creator In this harmonious fickle nature Ocean cries when he gets bored, but mother pacifies with winds of her lord Colored buds mingle not with land hue Since the Artist put his only verdant clue December is the cruelest month of year It made our yen our thorny fear Darkness shuffles in sigh and joyness and cuckoos cuck in joy and coyness Dear onomatopoeic devout hue I will draw your memory as a passer-by Only in December the cruelest month of year. Green and blue will be my wear At twilight or even late at noon. Then you will see heavenly colors on sand dunes And be this ever-satanic beauty no more seen Since in memory it has been And be those poker-faced clowns no more played Nor my hyacinth be left peerless to fade Among a tribe of malicious arcade

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