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All Is Sweet In Death And Life

If i had to bid the world good-bye To caress that aimless sky Those heavenly treasures in my hold... Be worth more than all the worlds gold

But if i had to stay much longer I wish for what would make me stronger A heart in-laved with honey dews To treasure all my 'i love you's'

I Heard A Sound Brake Out From Hell

I heard a sound brake out from hell The sound as of an iron bell And when it reached my pensive ears It woke the greatest of my fears

I have heard that hell's a heat The floor too hot for tender feet But then i quivered at the sound As though snow-flake there abound

I heard the rack of iron bars That gilded up the fallen stars I heard songs like 'may darkness reign' And of a street called 'devils lane'

And the discordance of the sound Now i finally understand Still this question mocks the day How two fools would go that way?

If The Devil Was An Engine

If the devil was an engine That drove to disarray Then man must be the fuel Supplied in constancy

Natures Pride

I used to sit at the wooden table And watch the ashes of the sky Wipe in reverence to enable... The sun a glorious good-bye Deep with crimson lined with gold With its ironed silver rays On my smiley face unfold The prime of days Watching them trickle like a baby over The washed fence of adobe bricks Through the neighbours bands of clover To mossy valleys and mountain peeks Retiring like a tired slave To his eternal grave So when the ashes of our lives Should fail us of the rays, this shuts A glorious setting of the sun In our hearts.

The Death Of A Captain

The violent rage of winds they blow The tides are rising o'er and o'er The eager sea is about a drinking Captain! Captain! your ship is sinking

And the captain kept on thinking

Captain! Captain! your soul's a wreck You cannot stand out on the deck And not here the squeaking floor Of this wretched ship i know

And the captain kept on thinking

Captain! let me save your ship Before it shelters in the deep Captain! Captain! if you will Let me take the wheel

And the captain kept on thinking

Captain! you must hear me say That you may do what e, er you may The eager sea is about a drinking Captain! Captain! your ship is sinking

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