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And these same trav'lers, if again they thirst,

What use for them to think about the first Or second time they drank the waters there;

Perhaps 'twas muddy water and they curst.

What use I say—T'is nature that decrees
The end of all things. Why on bended
knees

Should I exhort or dream of future life Beyond the grave? A life which no one sees!

But day by day the sun must rise and set,
And I—pray who am I who should forget
That as the sun breathes life upon the
earth,

So is my body in the spirit's debt.

The Solitude of Individual Existence

And I who have to learn each thread of fate,

Must seek myself before it gets too late, For though with joy I strive to help a friend

He must alone his infinite create.