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 The human weakness that may not fulfil.  
 'Tis near his loved ones dying that he knows—  
 When seeking strength from every hope that blows,  
 When all the tendrils of his being thrill  
 That God is fate and death his messenger,  
 That Christ of perfect peace is still the harbinger.  
 Ephemeral shine the brightest of our joys,  
 Amid the clouds that float across our sky ;  
 They're but the golden star-dust heaven employs  
 To beautify man's life and destiny.  
 A shadow here is but no shadow there ;  
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