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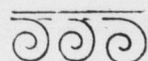
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If this little world tonight  
Suddenly should fall through space  
In a hissing, headlong flight,  
Shrivelling from off its face,  
As it falls into the Sun,  
In an instant every trace  
Of the little crawling things—  
Ants, philosophers, and lice,  
Cattle, cockroaches, and kings,  
Beggars, millionaires, and mice,  
Men and maggots,—all as one  
As it falls into the Sun,—  
Who can say but at the same  
Instant from some planet far  
A child may watch us and exclaim:  
"See the pretty shooting-star!"

--W.H.P.

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