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Thou shalt not praise the day till night is falling,
 However fair its dawn and noon may be;
 Oftimes at eventide come storms appalling,
 Setting the lightning and the thunder free.

Thou shalt not blame the day till it is ending,
 Though it has brought thee flood and hurricane;
 Full oft at nightfall comes deep peace, descending
 In sunset gold and roses, glorious gain,

Praise each fair morn that calls thee up from sleeping,
 And through the hot day work with all thy might;
 Then leave the evening hour in Heaven's keeping,
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