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Deep in the orient glowing, pure is the moon's silver light,
Like a sublime water-lily afloat in a shadowless pool,
Almost the opening petals revealing her heart to the night,
Luminous, cool.

Ripples below on the ocean, gaily dispelling her beam,
Mirror a legion of footprints hasting away from our strife
Trodden by infinite armies in quest of the confines of dream,
Fleeing from life.

These are the traces remaining after the labors of men,
After their visions of beauty, after their hate and their love;

Still the divine water-lily, enfolding her secrets again,
Watches above.

—Lionel Stevenson.

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