Raglan Road

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On raglan road on an autumn day, I saw he first and knew That his dark hair would weave a snare That i might one day rue. I saw the danger and yet i walked Along the enchanted way And i said let grief be a falling leaf At the dawning of the day. On grafton street in november, We tripped lightly along the ledge Of a deep ravine where can be seen The worst of passions pledged. The queen of hearts still baking tarts And i not making hay, For i loved too much; by such and such Is happiness thrown away. I gave he the gifts of the mind. I gave he the secret sign Thats known to all the artists who have Known true gods of sound and time. With word and tint i did not stint.

I gave he reams of poems to say
With his own dark hair and his own name there
Like the clouds over fields of may.On a quiet street where old ghosts meet,

I see he walking now away from me,
So hurriedly. my reason must allow,
For i have wooed, not as i should
A creature made of clay.
When the angel woos the clay, hell lose
His wings at the dawn of the day.

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