

Time, As a Symptom

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Time passed hard
And the task was the hardest thing she'd ever do
 But she forgot
The moment she saw youSo it would seem to be true:
 When cruel birth debases, we forget
 When cruel death debases
 We believe it erases all the rest
 That precedesBut stand brave, life-liver
 Bleeding out your days
 In the river of time
 Stand brave:
Time moves both waysIn the nullifying, defeating, negating, repeating
 Joy of life;
 The nullifying, defeating, negating, repeating
Joy of lifeThe moment of your greatest joy sustains:
 Not axe nor hammer
 Tumor, tremor
 Can take it away, and it remains
It remainsAnd it pains me to say, I was wrong
 Love is not a symptom of time
Time is just a symptom of love(and the nullifying, defeating, negating, repeating
 Joy of life;
 The nullifying, defeating, negating, repeating
 Joy of life)Hardly seen, hardly felt-
 Deep down where your fight is waiting
 Down 'till the light in your eyes is fading:
 Joy of life
Where i know that you can yield, when it comes down to it;
 Bow like the field when the combs through it:
 Joy of life
 And every little gust that chances through
 Will dance in the dust of me and you
 With joy-of-life
 And in our perfect secret-keeping:
 One ear of corn
 In silent, reaping
Joy of lifeJoy! Again, around-a pause, a sound-a song:
 A way a lone a last a loved a long
 A cave, a grave, a day: arise, ascend

(Areion, Rharian, go free and graze. Amen.)A shore, a tide, unmoored-a sight, abroad:

A dawn, unmarked, undone, undarked (a god)

No time. No flock. No chime, no clock. No end

White star, white ship-Nightjar, transmit: transcend!White star, white ship-Nightjar, transmit: transcend!

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