

# Before Aeons Came

## Behemoth

Before the beginning of years  
There came to the making of man  
Time, with a gift of tears  
Grief, with a glass that ran  
Pleasure, with pain for leaven  
Summer, with flowers that fell  
Remembrance fallen from Heaven  
And madness risen from Hell  
Strength without hands to smite  
Love that endures for a breath  
Night the shadow of light  
And life the shadow of death  
And the high Gods took in hand  
Fire and the falling of tears  
And a measure of sliding sand  
From under the feet of the years  
And froth, drift of the sea  
And dust of the laboring earth  
And bodies of things to be  
In the houses of death and of birth  
And wrought with weeping and laughter  
And fashioned with loathing and love  
With life before and after  
And death, beneath and above

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