When I Have Fears That I May Cease to Be

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When I have fears that I may cease to be Before my pen has glean'd my teeming brain, Before high piled books, in charact'ry,

Hold like rich garners the full-ripen'd grain; When I behold, upon the night's starr'd face, Huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,

And think that I may never live to trace

Their shadows, with the magic hand of chance; And when I feel, fair creature of an hour!

That I shall never look upon thee more,

Never have relish in the faery power

Of unreflecting love! -- then on the shoreOf (this) wide world I stand alone, and think Till Love and Fame (and) nothingness (to) sink.[Lyrics by John Keats (1795-1821)]

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