

Gaze on me thus!

Gaze on me thus! — unmoving, without speech,
With love-lit eyes like stars growing with night,
Sweet-scented chestnut hair gold wrought with light,
Soft-coloured cheek smooth like some sandy beach:—

With mouth half open, like a ripening peach,
All hungry for a kiss that will unite
Once more its full, oft-bitten lips blood-bright
That slowly approach to die within love's reach.

Gaze on me thus! — and let life flee away
Like some sweet flower that buds and blooms and dies,
Like some soft-fading thought half-sad, half-gay.

Gaze on me thus in silence! — and thine eyes
Will gradually forget their light of day,
And faint away like slowly fading-skies.

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