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As breaks in young November  
A brief bright summer's day,  
And the gold and russet woodlands  
Put on their best array,  
Outvying the sheen of their midsummer green  
In the splendour of decay ;  
And again the autumnal fogs roll up  
Quenching the transient gleam,  
And the sodden leaves drop silently  
And whirl down the swollen stream,  
And the glory that flashed for a moment is dashed  
And melts like a morning dream ;

Or as on the far horizon  
To the wanderer's straining eye  
The palms of a dim oasis have shown  
Against the shimmering sky,  
And once more he has faced the treacherous waste  
Full of hope that his bourn is nigh ;  
And lo, he has come, and the vision is nought  
But a speck in the boundless plain,