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*To My Wife*

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*1916*

## NOCTURNE OF REMEMBERED SPRING

### I

Moonlight silvers the ghostly tops of trees,  
Moonlight whitens the lilac-shadowed wall;  
And through the soft-starred evening fall  
Clearly as if through enchanted seas  
Footsteps passing, an infinite distance away,  
In another world and another day.  
Moonlight turns the purple lilacs to blue,  
Moonlight leaves the fountain hoar and old,  
Moonlight whitens the sleepy dew,  
And the boughs of elms grow green and cold...  
Our footsteps echo on gleaming stones,  
The leaves are stirred to a jargon of muted tones...  
This is the night we have kept, you say:  
This is the moonlight night that never will die...  
Let us return there, let us return, you and I,—  
Through the grey streets our memories retain  
Let us go back again.