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I WANT to see, and feel, and know  
Not only what is well;  
I ask not, coward-like, to go  
Blindfolded down to Hell.

I ask for human life and breath,  
And pure, without alloy,  
Life with the bitterness of death,  
With all its grief and joy.

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