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AN INVOCATION

An invocation for the queenly one,

The ruler of my days and my desire:

A burning incense to my radiant sun,

A music mounting in a shaft of fire:

An adoration and a sacrifice,
An aureole outrayed upon her brow,
As in a silver saint of Paradise:
A pearly necklace round a throat of snow—

Turn not the splendour of thine eyes aside, Though night and all her shadows are deceased;

Thy glance is as the morning's to divide

The pillared chambers of the glowing east.