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REMNANTS of passion, remnants of defeat,
Ye rags and motley of out-worn desire,
Unto my hearth-rug drag your torpid feet,
And light a barren fire.

Bleak days of idle sin with madness shod, Wishes scarce wished before they had an end, The fear of Satan, and the fear of God, Now with the ashes blend.

Mean hours spent mourning worthless things of earth,
Sorrows and loves I was too tired to spurn—
Ye, and the weariness which gave ye birth,
Come hither now and burn.