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Whether at Niniveh or Babylon  
Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run,  
The Wine of Life is ending drop by drop,  
The Leaves of Life are falling one by one

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