King-Maker

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Abstract

I am the least-The insignificant-The atom part...
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I am the least—
The insignificant—
The atom part—
But I burn with a pride more fierce
Than the miser bee, capping another cell
In yellow darkness,
Or the sickened hyacinth
Coiling its purple breath through the strangling air.

I watch the bloated square of Pegasus,
Swung through its orbit
On the stealthy threads of gravity,
And know of other orbits
Twice as ruthless,
Twice as secret
As the cabled night's;
And yet I watch them—
Candles of my whim—
Knowing they burn because I have decided—
I—
The least,
The insignificant,
The atom part.

Oh, I have tried with trembling fingers
To knot the writhing threads into a perfect net
To bind such thoughts!
I have tried—
And yet I lie cat-like in this burning thought:
Every man can be my equal
But I need not equal any man—
The least—
The insignificant—
The atom part—