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Abstract

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To blow?
Could we be moved to live, to nurture, and
To grow?
Is there a time when things of earth must stay
In their condition
Lest they should die before they reach the day
Of glad fruition?

And must we bide time and wait in silence;
Means of growth there to obtain?
If within the storm that power is given,
Then look for things that are. They still remain.
The clouds of rain and storm and fog and dark despair
May veil the light of sun and star.
Yet still in spite of all that seems to be,
The stars are always there.

—Burton C. Collier, Sci., So.