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Let us not curse, let us not sneer...

Let us not curse, let us not sneer at man that the sentiment of this pain is primary and conducive to the sentiment of another's pain. Let us not smile that it is by egotism and by selfishness that men pass to altruism. Like all human things this is a matter for tears.

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