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All things unto me are queries
That from normalness depart,
And their ceaseless asking wearies
 My heart.
Things are and seem, and nothing bears
The secret of the life it wears.

All things' presence e'er is asking
Questions of disturbing pain
With dreadful hesitation tasking
 My brain
How false is truth? How much doth seem
Since dreams are all and all's a dream.

Before mystery my will faileth
Torn with war within the mind,
And Reason like a coward quaiileth
 To find
More than themselves all things reveal
Yet that they with themselves conceal.

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