

Fernando Pessoa

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The artisans, that built the slow-grown town,  
Have been succeeded by those who still built.  
All this is something lack-of-something screening.  
The thought whole has no meaning  
But lies by Time's wall like a pitcher spilt.

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