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I became good, and was despised.
I became bad; I hated was.
If good or bad I was not prized,
In good or evil, equal loss.

I became bad and good by turns,
And thus did but unite two ills.
The spleen that now within me burns
Therefrom, nor good nor evil stills.

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