## **Serendipity**

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We run our full compass

Ordained, we pause at the crossing,

Having marched a clockwork dummy

We linger upon our last winding.

Look ahead not with shrouded eyes,

In a mindless stride to the grave.

The heart beating in mournful cadence,

A count mired in gray.

Will forth; to be alive

Strive hard to beat the chase,

Little pleasures, little sights,

A pause shall make it worth this race.

In melancholic din we drag on,

Sounding the horn of our fate.

Be even a sculpt of hard stone

But watch the lifeless insects play.

In the pool of the setting sun,

Enamoured by the growing sight

Live in the moment; exalted

Live the same, the last night.

Rejoice the chance of the future,

Redeem the past today,

Dissolve into hoary slumber

With hope of a better day ahead.

Grow upon the thoughts of yore,

Strife shall clout the way;

In calm diversion obtain

Pleasant surprises to call you away.

Serendipity.

An effervescent bliss,

Catch it in the ebbing wind;

Moments of surreptitious joy snatched

And matured

Till the tranquil upon your face

Leave behind an ash, content.

In all this turmoil, the goal is lost

The aim that set you afoot.

Regain your path, don't trundle afar

And set back thine glory to test.

The Hours run indignant,

The world catching up in haste,

But find the time to stop and stand

To watch the joys of fate.