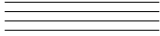


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She, above all, enlarged my life and brightened it.
Even now, if I look in memory's mirror,
there is some peace to be had when the mind's daylight
defies chronology, finding us side by side,
or cleaving together in the solemnity
of our bodies' worship, and by some great mercy
forgetful of all but time's best gifts and heedless
of any moment beyond the one we were in.