
The Waste Land



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*"Nam Sibyllam quidem Cumis ego ipse oculis
meis
vidi in ampulla pendere, et cum illi pueri dicer-
ent:
Sibylla ti theleis; respondebat illa: apothanein
thelo."*

I. THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

April is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.
Winter kept us warm, covering
Earth in forgetful snow, feeding
A little life with dried tubers.
Summer surprised us, coming over the
Starnbergersee
With a shower of rain; we stopped in the
colonnade,
And went on in sunlight, into the Hofgarten,
And drank coffee, and talked for an hour.
Bin gar keine Russin, stamm' aus Litauen, echt
deutsch.
And when we were children, staying at the
archduke's,
My cousin's, he took me out on a sled,
And I was frightened. He said, Marie,
Marie, hold on tight. And down we went.
In the mountains, there you feel free.
I read, much of the night, and go south in the
winter.

What are the roots that clutch, what branches
grow
Out of this stony rubbish? Son of man,¹
You cannot say, or guess, for you know only
A heap of broken images, where the sun beats,²
And the dead tree gives no shelter, the cricket
no relief,
And the dry stone no sound of water. Only
There is shadow under this red rock,
(Come in under the shadow of this red rock),
And I will show you something different from
either
Your shadow at morning striding behind you
Or your shadow at evening rising to meet you;
I will show you fear in a handful of dust.
Frisch weht der Wind³
Der Heimat zu
Mein Irisch Kind,
Wo weilest du?
"You gave me hyacinths first a year ago;
"They called me the hyacinth girl."
-Yet when we came back, late, from the
Hyacinth garden,
Your arms full, and your hair wet, I could not
Speak, and my eyes failed, I was neither
Living nor dead, and I knew nothing,
Looking into the heart of light, the silence.
Od' und leer das Meer.⁴

Madame Sosostris, famous clairvoyante,
Had a bad cold, nevertheless
Is known to be the wisest woman in Europe,

¹Cf. Ezekiel 2:1.

²Cf. Ecclesiastes 12:5

³V. =Tristan und Isolde, i, verses 5-8.

⁴Id. iii, verse 24.

With a wicked pack of cards. Here, said she,⁵
Is your card, the drowned Phoenician Sailor,
(Those are pearls that were his eyes. Look!)
Here is Belladonna, the Lady of the Rocks,
The lady of situations.
Here is the man with three staves, and here the
Wheel,
And here is the one-eyed merchant, and this
card,
Which is blank, is something he carries on his
back,
Which I am forbidden to see. I do not find
The Hanged Man. Fear death by water.
I see crowds of people, walking round in a
ring.⁶
Thank you. If you see dear Mrs. Equitone,
Tell her I bring the horoscope myself:
One must be so careful these days.

Unreal City,⁷
Under the brown fog of a winter dawn,
A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many,
I had not thought death had undone so many.⁸

⁵I am not familiar with the exact constitution of the Tarot pack of cards, from which I have obviously departed to suit my own convenience. The Hanged Man, a member of the traditional pack, fits my purpose in two ways: because he is associated in my mind with the Hanged God of Frazer, and because I associate him with the hooded figure in the passage of the disciples to Emmaus in Part V. The Phoenician Sailor and the Merchant appear later; also the "crowds of people," and Death by Water is executed in Part IV. The Man with Three Staves (an authentic member of the Tarot pack) I associate, quite arbitrarily, with the Fisher King himself.

⁶Cf. the Dirge in Webster's *White Devil*.

⁷Cf. Baudelaire:

"Fourmillante cite;, cite; pleine de reves,
Ou le spectre en plein jour raccroche le passant."

⁸Cf. *Inferno*, iii. 55-7.

"si lunga tratta

Sighs, short and infrequent, were exhaled,⁹
And each man fixed his eyes before his feet.
Flowed up the hill and down King William
Street,
To where Saint Mary Woolnoth kept the hours
With a dead sound on the final stroke of nine.¹⁰
There I saw one I knew, and stopped him,
crying "Stetson!
"You who were with me in the ships at Mylae!
"That corpse you planted last year in your
garden,
"Has it begun to sprout? Will it bloom this year?
"Or has the sudden frost disturbed its bed?
"Oh keep the Dog far hence, that's friend to
men,
"Or with his nails he'll dig it up again!
"You! hypocrite lecteur!— mon semblable,— mon
frere!"¹¹

di gente, ch'io non avrei mai creduto
che morte tanta n'avesse disfatta."

⁹Cf. Inferno, iv. 25-7:

"Quivi, secondo che per ascoltare,
"non avea pianto, ma' che di sospiri,
"che l'aura eterna facevan tremare."

¹⁰A phenomenon which I have often noticed.

¹¹V. Baudelaire, Preface to *Fleurs du Mal*.

II. A GAME OF CHESS

The Chair she sat in, like a burnished throne,¹²
Glowed on the marble, where the glass
Held up by standards wrought with fruited
vines
From which a golden Cupidon peeped out
(Another hid his eyes behind his wing)
Doubled the flames of sevenbranched
candelabra
Reflecting light upon the table as
The glitter of her jewels rose to meet it,
From satin cases poured in rich profusion;
In vials of ivory and coloured glass
Unstoppered, lurked her strange synthetic
perfumes,
Unguent, powdered, or liquid- troubled,
confused
And drowned the sense in odours; stirred by
the air
That freshened from the window, these
ascended
In fattening the prolonged candle-flames,
Flung their smoke into the laquearia,¹³

¹²Cf. Antony and Cleopatra, II. ii., l. 190.

¹³Laquearia. V. Aeneid, I. 726:

Stirring the pattern on the coffered ceiling.
 Huge sea-wood fed with copper
 Burned green and orange, framed by the
 coloured stone,
 In which sad light a carved dolphin swam.
 Above the antique mantel was displayed
 As though a window gave upon the sylvan
 scene¹⁴

The change of Philomel, by the barbarous
 king¹⁵

So rudely forced; yet there the nightingale¹⁶
 Filled all the desert with inviolable voice
 And still she cried, and still the world pursues,
 "Jug Jug" to dirty ears.
 And other withered stumps of time
 Were told upon the walls; staring forms
 Leaned out, leaning, hushing the room
 enclosed.

Footsteps shuffled on the stair.
 Under the firelight, under the brush, her hair
 Spread out in fiery points
 Glowed into words, then would be savagely
 still.

"My nerves are bad to-night. Yes, bad. Stay
 with me."¹⁷

"Speak to me. Why do you never speak. Speak.
 "What are you thinking of? What thinking?
 What?"

"I never know what you are thinking. Think."

dependent lychni laquearibus aureis incensi, et noctem flammis funa-
 lia vincunt.

¹⁴Sylvan scene. V. Milton, *Paradise Lost*, iv. 140

¹⁵V. Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, vi, Philomela.

¹⁶Cf. Part III, l. 204.

¹⁷Cf. the game of chess in Middleton's *Women beware Women*.

I think we are in rats' alley¹⁸
Where the dead men lost their bones.

"What is that noise?"

The wind under the door.¹⁹

"What is that noise now? What is the wind
doing?"

Nothing again nothing.

"Do

"You know nothing? Do you see nothing? Do
you remember

"Nothing?"

I remember

Those are pearls that were his eyes.

"Are you alive, or not? Is there nothing in your
head?"²⁰

But

O O O O that Shakespeherian Rag—

It's so elegant

So intelligent

"What shall I do now? What shall I do?"

I shall rush out as I am, and walk the street

"With my hair down, so. What shall we do
to-morrow?

"What shall we ever do?"

The hot water at ten.

And if it rains, a closed car at four.

And we shall play a game of chess,

Pressing lidless eyes and waiting for a knock
upon the door.

When Lil's husband got demobbed, I said—

I didn't mince my words, I said to her myself,

Hurry up please. It's time.

¹⁸Cf. Part III, l. 195.

¹⁹Cf. Webster: "Is the wind in that door still?"

²⁰Cf. Part I, l. 37, 48.

Now Albert's coming back, make yourself a bit smart.

He'll want to know what you done with that money he gave you

To get yourself some teeth. He did, I was there.

You have them all out, Lil, and get a nice set,²¹

He said, I swear, I can't bear to look at you.

And no more can't I, I said, and think of poor Albert,

He's been in the army four years, he wants a good time,

And if you don't give it him, there's others will, I said.

Oh is there, she said. Something o' that, I said.

Then I'll know who to thank, she said, and give me a straight look.

Hurry up please. It's time.

If you don't like it you can get on with it, I said.

Others can pick and choose if you can't.

But if Albert makes off, it won't be for lack of telling.

You ought to be ashamed, I said, to look so antique.

(And her only thirty-one.)

I can't help it, she said, pulling a long face,

It's them pills I took, to bring it off, she said.

(She's had five already, and nearly died of young George.)

The chemist said it would be alright²², but I've never been the same.

You are a proper fool, I said.

Well, if Albert won't leave you alone, there it is, I said,

What you get married for if you don't want

²¹V. Spenser, Prothalamion.

²²This spelling occurs also in the Hogarth Press edition— Editor.

children?

Hurry up please. It's time.

Well, that Sunday Albert was home, they had a
hot gammon,
And they asked me in to dinner, to get the
beauty of it hot—

Hurry up please. It's time.

Hurry up please. It's time.

Goonight Bill. Goonight Lou. Goonight May.
Goonight.

Ta ta. Goonight. Goonight.

Good night, ladies, good night, sweet ladies,
good night, good night.

III. THE FIRE SERMON

The river's tent is broken: the last fingers of leaf
Clutch and sink into the wet bank. The wind
Crosses the brown land, unheard. The nymphs
are departed.

Sweet Thames, run softly, till I end my song.
The river bears no empty bottles, sandwich
papers,

Silk handkerchiefs, cardboard boxes, cigarette
ends

Or other testimony of summer nights. The
nymphs are departed.

And their friends, the loitering heirs of city
directors;

Departed, have left no addresses.

By the waters of Leman I sat down and wept . . .

Sweet Thames, run softly till I end my song,
Sweet Thames, run softly, for I speak not loud
or long.

But at my back in a cold blast I hear
The rattle of the bones, and chuckle spread
from ear to ear.

A rat crept softly through the vegetation
Dragging its slimy belly on the bank
While I was fishing in the dull canal

On a winter evening round behind the
 gashouse
 Musing upon the king my brother's wreck
 And on the king my father's death before
 him.²³

White bodies naked on the low damp ground
 And bones cast in a little low dry garret,
 Rattled by the rat's foot only, year to year.
 But at my back from time to time I hear²⁴
 The sound of horns and motors, which shall
 bring²⁵

Sweeney to Mrs. Porter in the spring.
 O the moon shone bright on Mrs. Porter²⁶
 And on her daughter
 They wash their feet in soda water
 Et O ces voix d'enfants, chantant dans la
 coupole!²⁷

Twit twit twit
 Jug jug jug jug jug jug
 So rudely forc'd.
 Tereu

Unreal City
 Under the brown fog of a winter noon
 Mr. Eugenides, the Smyrna merchant
 Unshaven, with a pocket full of currants²⁸

²³Cf. *The Tempest*, I. ii.

²⁴Cf. Marvell, *To His Coy Mistress*.

²⁵Cf. Day, *Parliament of Bees*:

"When of the sudden, listening, you shall hear,

"A noise of horns and hunting, which shall bring

"Actaeon to Diana in the spring, "Where all shall see her naked
 skin..."

²⁶I do not know the origin of the ballad from which these lines are
 taken: it was reported to me from Sydney, Australia.

²⁷V. Verlaine, *Parsifal*.

²⁸The currants were quoted at a price "carriage and insurance free
 to London"; and the Bill of Lading etc. were to be handed to the buyer

C.i.f. London: documents at sight,
 Asked me in demotic French
 To luncheon at the Cannon Street Hotel
 Followed by a weekend at the Metropole.

At the violet hour, when the eyes and back
 Turn upward from the desk, when the human
 engine waits
 Like a taxi throbbing waiting,
 I Tiresias, though blind, throbbing between two
 lives,²⁹
 Old man with wrinkled female breasts, can see

upon payment of the sight draft.

"Carriage and insurance free": "cost, insurance and freight"-Editor.

²⁹Tiresias, although a mere spectator and not indeed a "character," is yet the most important personage in the poem, uniting all the rest. Just as the one-eyed merchant, seller of currants, melts into the Phoenician Sailor, and the latter is not wholly distinct from Ferdinand Prince of Naples, so all the women are one woman, and the two sexes meet in Tiresias. What Tiresias sees, in fact, is the substance of the poem. The whole passage from Ovid is of great anthropological interest:

' . . . Cum Iunone iocos et maior vestra profecto est
 Quam, quae contingit maribus,' dixisse, 'voluptas.'
 Illa negat; placuit quae sit sententia docti
 Quaerere Tiresiae: venus huic erat utraque nota.
 Nam duo magnorum viridi coeuntia silva
 Corpora serpentum baculi violaverat ictu
 Deque viro factus, mirabile, femina septem
 Egerat autumnos; octavo rursus eosdem
 Vidit et 'est vestrae si tanta potentia plagae,'
 Dixit 'ut auctoris sortem in contraria mutet,
 Nunc quoque vos feriam!' percussis anguibus isdem
 Forma prior rediit genetivaeque venit imago.
 Arbiter hic igitur sumptus de lite iocosa
 Dicta Iovis firmat; gravius Saturnia iusto
 Nec pro materia fertur doluisse sui que
 Iudicis aeterna damnavit lumina nocte,
 At pater omnipotens (neque enim licet inrita cuiquam
 Facta dei fecisse deo) pro lumine adempto
 Scire futura dedit poenamque levavit honore.

At the violet hour, the evening hour that strives
 Homeward, and brings the sailor home from
 sea,³⁰
 The typist home at teatime, clears her breakfast,
 lights
 Her stove, and lays out food in tins.
 Out of the window perilously spread
 Her drying combinations touched by the sun's
 last rays,
 On the divan are piled (at night her bed)
 Stockings, slippers, camisoles, and stays.
 I Tiresias, old man with wrinkled dugs
 Perceived the scene, and foretold the rest—
 I too awaited the expected guest.
 He, the young man carbuncular, arrives,
 A small house agent's clerk, with one bold
 stare,
 One of the low on whom assurance sits
 As a silk hat on a Bradford millionaire.
 The time is now propitious, as he guesses,
 The meal is ended, she is bored and tired,
 Endeavours to engage her in caresses
 Which still are unreproved, if undesired.
 Flushed and decided, he assaults at once;
 Exploring hands encounter no defence;
 His vanity requires no response,
 And makes a welcome of indifference.
 (And I Tiresias have foresuffered all
 Enacted on this same divan or bed;
 I who have sat by Thebes below the wall
 And walked among the lowest of the dead.)
 Bestows one final patronising kiss,
 And gropes his way, finding the stairs unlit . . .
 She turns and looks a moment in the glass,
 Hardly aware of her departed lover;

³⁰This may not appear as exact as Sappho's lines, but I had in mind the "longshore" or "dory" fisherman, who returns at nightfall.

Her brain allows one half-formed thought to
 pass:
 "Well now that's done: and I'm glad it's over."
 When lovely woman stoops to folly and³¹
 Paces about her room again, alone,
 She smooths her hair with automatic hand,
 And puts a record on the gramophone.

"This music crept by me upon the waters"³²
 And along the Strand, up Queen Victoria Street.
 O City city, I can sometimes hear
 Beside a public bar in Lower Thames Street,
 The pleasant whining of a mandoline
 And a clatter and a chatter from within
 Where fishmen lounge at noon: where the walls
 Of Magnus Martyr hold³³
 Inexplicable splendour of Ionian white and
 gold.

The river sweats³⁴
 Oil and tar
 The barges drift
 With the turning tide
 Red sails
 Wide
 To leeward, swing on the heavy spar.
 The barges wash
 Drifting logs
 Down Greenwich reach
 Past the Isle of Dogs.
 Weialala leia

³¹V. Goldsmith, the song in *The Vicar of Wakefield*.

³²V. *The Tempest*, as above.

³³The interior of St. Magnus Martyr is to my mind one of the finest among Wren's interiors. See *The Proposed Demolition of Nineteen City Churches* (P. S. King & Son, Ltd.).

³⁴The Song of the (three) Thames-daughters begins here. From line 292 to 306 inclusive they speak in turn. V. *Gutterdämmerung*, III. i: the Rhine-daughters.

Wallala leialala

Elizabeth and Leicester³⁵

Beating oars

The stern was formed

A gilded shell

Red and gold

The brisk swell

Rippled both shores

Southwest wind

Carried down stream

The peal of bells

White towers

Weialala leia

Wallala leialala

"Trams and dusty trees.

Highbury bore me. Richmond and Kew

Undid me. By Richmond I raised my knees³⁶

Supine on the floor of a narrow canoe."

"My feet are at Moorgate, and my heart

Under my feet. After the event

He wept. He promised 'a new start'.

I made no comment. What should I resent?"

"On Margate Sands.

I can connect

Nothing with nothing.

The broken fingernails of dirty hands.

³⁵V. Froude, Elizabeth, Vol. I, ch. iv, letter of De Quadra to Philip of Spain:

"In the afternoon we were in a barge, watching the games on the river.

(The queen) was alone with Lord Robert and myself on the poop, when they began to talk nonsense, and went so far that Lord Robert at last said, as I was on the spot there was no reason why they should not be married if the queen pleased."

³⁶Cf. Purgatorio, v. 133:

"Ricorditi di me, che son la Pia;

Siena mi fe', disfecemi Maremma."

My people humble people who expect
Nothing."

la la

To Carthage then I came³⁷

Burning burning burning burning³⁸

O Lord Thou pluckest me out³⁹

O Lord Thou pluckest

Burning

³⁷V. St. Augustine's Confessions: "to Carthage then I came, where a cauldron of unholy loves sang all about mine ears."

³⁸The complete text of the Buddha's Fire Sermon (which corresponds in importance to the Sermon on the Mount) from which these words are taken, will be found translated in the late Henry Clarke Warren's Buddhism in Translation (Harvard Oriental Series). Mr. Warren was one of the great pioneers of Buddhist studies in the Occident.

³⁹From St. Augustine's Confessions again. The collocation of these two representatives of eastern and western asceticism, as the culmination of this part of the poem, is not an accident.

IV. DEATH BY WATER

Phlebas the Phoenician, a fortnight dead,
Forgot the cry of gulls, and the deep sea swell
And the profit and loss.

A current under sea

Picked his bones in whispers. As he rose and
fell

He passed the stages of his age and youth
Entering the whirlpool.

Gentile or Jew

O you who turn the wheel and look to
windward,

Consider Phlebas, who was once handsome
and tall as you.

V. WHAT THE THUNDER SAID⁴⁰

After the torchlight red on sweaty faces
After the frosty silence in the gardens
After the agony in stony places
The shouting and the crying
Prison and palace and reverberation
Of thunder of spring over distant mountains
He who was living is now dead
We who were living are now dying
With a little patience

Here is no water but only rock
Rock and no water and the sandy road
The road winding above among the mountains
Which are mountains of rock without water
If there were water we should stop and drink
Amongst the rock one cannot stop or think
Sweat is dry and feet are in the sand
If there were only water amongst the rock
Dead mountain mouth of carious teeth that
cannot spit

⁴⁰In the first part of Part V three themes are employed: the journey to Emmaus, the approach to the Chapel Perilous (see Miss Weston's book) and the present decay of eastern Europe.

Here one can neither stand nor lie nor sit
There is not even silence in the mountains
But dry sterile thunder without rain
There is not even solitude in the mountains
But red sullen faces sneer and snarl
From doors of mudcracked houses
 If there were water
And no rock
If there were rock
And also water
And water
A spring
A pool among the rock
If there were the sound of water only
Not the cicada
And dry grass singing
But sound of water over a rock
Where the hermit-thrush sings in the pine
 trees⁴¹
Drip drop drip drop drop drop drop
But there is no water
Who is the third who walks always beside
 you?⁴²
When I count, there are only you and I together
But when I look ahead up the white road
There is always another one walking beside you
Gliding wrapt in a brown mantle, hooded

⁴¹This is *Turdus aonalaschkae pallasii*, the hermit-thrush which I have heard in Quebec County. Chapman says (*Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America*) "it is most at home in secluded woodland and thickety retreats... Its notes are not remarkable for variety or volume, but in purity and sweetness of tone and exquisite modulation they are unequalled." Its "water-dripping song" is justly celebrated.

⁴²The following lines were stimulated by the account of one of the Antarctic expeditions (I forget which, but I think one of Shackleton's): it was related that the party of explorers, at the extremity of their strength, had the constant delusion that there was one more member than could actually be counted.

I do not know whether a man or a woman
–But who is that on the other side of you?⁴³

What is that sound high in the air
Murmur of maternal lamentation
Who are those hooded hordes swarming
Over endless plains, stumbling in cracked earth
Ringed by the flat horizon only
What is the city over the mountains
Cracks and reforms and bursts in the violet air
Falling towers
Jerusalem Athens Alexandria
Vienna London
Unreal

A woman drew her long black hair out tight
And fiddled whisper music on those strings
And bats with baby faces in the violet light
Whistled, and beat their wings
And crawled head downward down a
 blackened wall
And upside down in air were towers
Tolling reminiscent bells, that kept the hours
And voices singing out of empty cisterns and
 exhausted wells.

In this decayed hole among the mountains
In the faint moonlight, the grass is singing
Over the tumbled graves, about the chapel
There is the empty chapel, only the wind's
 home.

It has no windows, and the door swings,
Dry bones can harm no one.

⁴³Cf. Hermann Hesse, *Blick ins Chaos*:

"Schon ist halb Europa, schon ist zumindest der halbe Osten Europas auf dem Wege zum Chaos, fährt betrunken im heiligem Wahn am Abgrund entlang und singt dazu, singt betrunken und hymnisch wie Dmitri Karamasoff sang.

Über diese Lieder lacht der Bürger beleidigt, der Heilige und Seher hört sie mit Tränen."

Only a cock stood on the rooftree
Co co rico co co rico
In a flash of lightning. Then a damp gust
Bringing rain

Ganga was sunken, and the limp leaves
Waited for rain, while the black clouds
Gathered far distant, over Himavant.
The jungle crouched, humped in silence.
Then spoke the thunder

DA

Datta: what have we given?

My friend, blood shaking my heart⁴⁴
The awful daring of a moment's surrender
Which an age of prudence can never retract
By this, and this only, we have existed
Which is not to be found in our obituaries
Or in memories draped by the beneficent
spider⁴⁵

Or under seals broken by the lean solicitor
In our empty rooms

DA

Dayadhvam: I have heard the key⁴⁶

⁴⁴"Datta, dayadhvam, damyata" (Give, sympathize, control). The fable of the meaning of the Thunder is found in the Brihadaranyaka-Upanishad, 5, 1. A translation is found in Deussen's *Sechzig Upanishads des Veda*, p. 489.

⁴⁵Cf. Webster, *The White Devil*, v. vi:

Ere the worm pierce your winding-sheet, ere the spider
Make a thin curtain for your epitaphs."

⁴⁶Cf. *Inferno*, xxxiii. 46:

"ed io sentii chiavar l'uscio di sotto
all'orribile torre."

Also F. H. Bradley, *Appearance and Reality*, p. 346:

"My external sensations are no less private to myself than are my thoughts or my feelings. In either case my experience falls within my own circle, a circle closed on the outside; and, with all its elements alike, every sphere is opaque to the others which surround it. . . . In brief, regarded as an existence which appears in a soul, the whole

Turn in the door once and turn once only
 We think of the key, each in his prison
 Thinking of the key, each confirms a prison
 Only at nightfall, aetherial rumours
 Revive for a moment a broken Coriolanus
 DA

Damyata: The boat responded
 Gaily, to the hand expert with sail and oar
 The sea was calm, your heart would have
 responded

Gaily, when invited, beating obedient
 To controlling hands

I sat upon the shore
 Fishing, with the arid plain behind me⁴⁷
 Shall I at least set my lands in order?
 London Bridge is falling down falling down
 falling down

Poi s'ascose nel foco che gli affina⁴⁸
 Quando fiam ceu chelidon— O swallow
 swallow⁴⁹

Le Prince d'Aquitaine a la tour abolie⁵⁰
 These fragments I have shored against my ruins
 Why then Ile fit you. Hieronymo's mad
 againe.⁵¹

Datta. Dayadhvam. Damyata.

Shantih shantih shantih⁵²

world for each is peculiar and private to that soul."

⁴⁷V. Weston, *From Ritual to Romance*; chapter on the Fisher King.

⁴⁸V. *Purgatorio*, xxvi. 148.

"'Ara vos prec per aquella valor
 'que vos guida al som de l'escalina,
 sovegna vos a temps de ma dolor.'
 Poi s'ascose nel foco che gli affina."

⁴⁹V. *Pervigilium Veneris*. Cf. *Philomela* in Parts II and III.

⁵⁰V. Gerard de Nerval, *Sonnet El Desdichado*.

⁵¹V. Kyd's *Spanish Tragedy*.

⁵²Shantih. Repeated as here, a formal ending to an Upanishad.

'The Peace which passeth understanding' is a feeble translation of the content of this word.