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## The Blessing in Disguise

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Am I an enfeebled man or a breezy child  
A shriveled senile or the wind so wild  
The words which now allude were then well tamed  
Is the really, the sooth or just a fanciful lame!

These hair of mine which now has turned grey  
How much they have helped to forgive and pray  
These wrinkled hands, which now flutter in cold  
Had then expunged the existence of great mountains  
in hold

The beauty of spring which brimmed me with vanity  
Those resplendent years of illusion sucked my humble sanity  
But this season of autumn has been a darling companion  
Flowing the gust of peace and serenity as of a divine stallion

Those kith and kin whose horrendous faces haunts me in dark  
Has taught me the mortals glibness as of a restless lark  
That lustrous visage once which made every eye dazzle  
Now with its withering touch makes them frazzle

Ah! How strenuous has been this race of life,  
Not a drop of frill but roads flowered with knife  
But these years of battle has made me a man of gold  
In encircling vices, the key of great virtues now i hold