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A Question Without an Answer

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To find a ray of light, the little flies,
search around the glowing lamp;
finding that bit of light, those creatures,
offer their lives to the lamp and expire.

Men too seem similar to these creatures,
searching everywhere for something or other;
but finding nothing they too vanish,
to the eternal world taking nothing with them.

Crying for their mother, each life comes,
to this beautiful nature's hands;
along with them, comes their death too,
having noticed by none, truly smart and silent.

“If we are born, we must certainly die!”
It's a very old saying of the elderly;
but what death is, none knows,
and it seems none is bothered also.

One on whom death's shadow falls,
would no longer have friends or enemies;

His connection with this maternal world is lost,
and he reaches a pretty new world, we assume.

“What is death?” I have read somewhere,
is a simple process like changing our dress!
Like changing the dirty dress for a new one,
the soul shifts from the unfit body to another.

No funeral or burial can cause harm,
to the undead soul of a dead body;
human body might get turned to ashes,
but none can convert the soul to ashes.

We know that a corpse may be buried or burned,
but then where their souls would go afterwards?
Would any religion give me a unanimous answer? or
Would it remain forever as an unanswered question?