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there are ages in a man's minutes

there are silent days once swung among
and still deeply singing sunward
piereward feartofore and fastback far
to other suns

and there are future fearward lights
chalksoft and screeching
on flushbright barking moons

there is slowbegone hunger
to run thus moonward in the monkeypain
to caper in the windquick veins
of cragged trebel trees
and gambol mong the echoes
of refracted fractured truth

and now
there is shivering in the night's bite
and swayaway swims in watery thought
and fingered days lit by suns running
in all their birdlight laughter
behind chalksoft screeching moons

and ever
a whisper:

where there is nothing necessity sings

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