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Mediaeval corridors rose high
   Deep shadowed by lofty walls
   Mystery and authority the supports
   That arched that vaulting
   Begun far below upon the profound floor
   Where a man or wondering child stood
   Calm beneath mystery and authority.

It is wondered if man’s loss
   Of consciousness of God
   Of his smallness deep within
   Of the dust of dead mediaeval days
   Wondered if this has to do with
   Rampant fears of high soaring places
   Has to do with the reaction
   From a serene smallness.

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