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creatures
lay peaceful
and content

pale hues
of spring
calm

the senses
filled
with joy

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The Eternal Prince of Almost

Trumpets blare their tribute,
My footsteps fall
On the finest red carpet;
Parading before the admiring smiles
Of nature’s sweetest maidens.
Solemnly, I take my place
Before the high-priest,
As he raises the crown
Towards my head.

Then, with a sudden, final
Motion,
He places the crown on the head
Of another,
And, as I see my smile on the other’s face,
The fire flares within.
My desire is doubled,
And thus my chances are halved.

RICHARD BARRINGTON