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*Regretting you, because your years were splendid
Beyond a brilliance we shall ever know,
We, whom your fineness stirred, who saw you go
Smiling, as one who by the gods stood friended—*

*What shall we say to those whose hearts unmended
Are poignant-sad, with all fair hope laid low?
Speak praise? No glory of an afterglow
Can compensate for brave clear sunshine ended.*

*What comfort, but to say we envy you,
As when we saw you start, adventure-glad,
Your face towards the stars that guard the north.*

*You loved your fated way. We envy you
The life of swift fulfilment that you had:
The tragic fitness of your passing forth.*

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