## LAUGHTER

Too slowly upon the heels

Of rapture and delight,

Came those easy songs of eternity

And the soul never ending...

I tried to touch the black cloud,

Shouting to the devil

Of an ingenious plan of combat

That would find me

Closer to infinity that the breath

Of God could bring me...

Her delicate laughter

Filters down even now

Through this cold, cold darkness;

And to think of ambergris,

The scent of bluish water

Ever salty smelling, bitter

And disturbed,

Brings the dead warm ache

Of simply knowing that she is...

## THE RAIN PEOPLE

Since I was happy standing

In a drear rain, the name mad

Became the emblem of my end;

And so, imprisoned in possession,

Naked souls pretend a clothing,

The dying scream for living,

The living pray for dying...

Or so I dreamt the rainy dream,

Or so she said shaking me...

It ended, and sorrow flew away.

Dangling a tear from a stick,

She plucked shadows from the trees.

A call, a stronger hand biding,

Crept from the boughs,

The thickest fruit formed,

And she whirled stones,

Laughing madly amidst defeat;

She longs to hear the question put,

And dance upon the answer with her foot...

Our eyes looked into the well,

And she asked, like you will,

Of the nature of that tiny swirl...

Is the labyrinth safe for tourists?