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And you, O you, who the wildest yearn For the oldtime step and the glad return, Think of him faring on as dear In the love of there, as the love of here, Think of him still the same, I say, He is not dead—he is just away.

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