

## Never

Death has dominion over us all  
So it has and will be for all time  
But those who go too soon  
Those who's light failed to reach the zenith  
Those lovely hearts, full of life  
Those seized and wrested from our arms  
It should not be so  
And I cannot and shall never be reconciled  
For what you were is lost  
The delicate grace, the artistry, the keen sense - forever lost  
The fire, the brilliance, the luminous glow - forever extinguished  
Only a fragment remains in our hearts  
It should not be so  
And I cannot and shall never be reconciled  
It is twofold: the sorrow for a life unfinished  
And the grief of personal loss  
The loss of your light darkens all our lives  
The loss of your voice diminishes our own song  
But yours is the greatest offense:  
The deprivation of your life  
Ours is the lesser: only remorse  
It is that deprivation that  
I cannot and shall never reconcile  
Still, I am grateful and in your debt  
Transitory and ephemeral as it was  
Your life was part of mine  
The love and esprit, the concern and sacrifice  
I am different now because of you  
I am changed now because of you  
I cannot and shall never be without you