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## When Tone

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When Tone

When tone  
and quality of youth  
and eager days are spent,  
in my crimson closet  
I'll recall  
how easily I squandered  
fog-bound free  
unknowing, growing days.

I traveled  
a legendary greywise mare  
to secret silver dawns  
and breathed  
the greening heathered hush  
with tremulous suspense  
as one preparing for his shroud.

I occupy the stillness now  
with flooded fields  
and blues of ancient skies--  
with rhetoric beyond my means.  
I occupy myself with death,  
as one embalmed  
with twenty years of life.

/Michael VanderMarkt/