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EXCERPTS from *Matthias at the Door*

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"When I see Folly that has pawned its
wings
Hating itself because it cannot fly,
I'd rather turn my eyes the other way."

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He has
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death,
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"Half the grief
Of living is our not seeing what's not to be
Before we see too well."

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"Your God, if you may still believe in Him,
Created you so wrapped in rectitude
That even your eyes are filmed a little
with it,
Like a benignant sort of cataract."

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inscript.

"He married me and put me in a case
To look at and to play with and was
happy—
Being sure of finding me when he came
home,
With my face washed and purring."

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"Read a few years of history, and you'll see
The stuff is not so pliable as all that.
If it were so, we should all be like each
other
So great that nature would be on her knees,
Which is not nature's natural attitude."

"There is no cure for self;
There's only an occasional revelation,
Arriving not infrequently too late."

"With a few finite and unfinished words
That are the chips of brief experience,
You restless and precipitate world-infants
Would build a skiff to circumnavigate
Infinity . . ."

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