

# Time, Time!

## I

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
To prove is my endeavor,  
That yesterday was yesterday,  
Tomorrow will be never.

Think now of all your yesterdays  
As days that never passed,  
But stretched a single time-length;  
The first day to the last.

## II

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
Sun, moon, star.  
A second is the present part  
Of every passing hour.

Now is sometime's memory;  
Yesterday is now's.  
The present's resolutions  
Are tomorrow's broken vows.

## III

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
Come, go, went.  
The promise of tomorrow  
Is a promise never spent.

What sage can tell  
What time is then,  
And what is was,  
Or when is when?

## IV

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
Valley, meadow, hill.  
It's we who move eternally  
While time is standing still.

Raise up your cup  
And toast the day,  
And drink its light  
While night's away.

## V

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
Time, thought, men.  
Each daytime dies at darkness  
To be reborn again.

What future time  
Won't one day be  
A memory  
To you and me?

## VI

Tick, tock, tick, tock—  
First, second, last.  
Tomorrows all are destined  
To be their future's past.

Reach now to the pendulum,  
Seize fast and halt its swing,  
And brim time's cup with drops of now,  
And let the present sing.

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