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All Time is passed, there is none left to come.

All images are flat, scents stale, words into babble subside, then silence:  
A silence not of gold but of black brass and lead.  
Lungs are flattened in the flattened world, fruit yields dried paper's taste.  
Unrolls a too-worn panoply of no-longer wonders:  
An ivory tower that rises o'er the sea, a hill of awe,  
Kine or swine of some drunk god or other,  
Songs of elves, horns in the highlands ringing,  
Spirits of brook, rock, lilac, and cedar;  
Another reforged crown sits on the locks of yet another new-returnèd king,  
Whose city glows again between the river and the hills  
—All trceries merely in the air,  
Which phantoms' forms themselves shall fade  
— All shall run out  
Into a well that gives nothing,  
Festering in darkly-netted woods  
Which smother the Four Quarters under the sky.

Yet  
Another image loiters:  
Above the Western Paradise gleams out  
A single somber sigil of a star.

Look! Look keenly!

That star -- its rays bend Melancholy to Möbius,  
And back round to Mirth:

And so renews the world again once more.