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Languid and recumbent on his seat beneath the mountain,
Where shameless dwarves, they fashioned marble groves of marble trees,
While white-browed elves fled far from frost and left the earth forever.

And ling'ring still is Aethernad in halls beneath the mountain,
With pale eyes crave a glimpse of cobalt sky or verdant trees,
While stories of forever-folk, as misty dreams, are fading.

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Come, watch beside me, while
An early light begins to filter through:
Soundless, it splits the darkness into earth and sky,
Divides the firmament in two:
Far-off and faint between the spheres, a bird is calling.

The grey things quicken, and take on a greener hue:
The veil is lifting, studded here and there with diamonds, the dew;
The day is like a jewel in a forgotten fountain; He is near
Who wakes the sleepers.

The fountains will be garlanded again, the world will gleam anew
Beneath the waters. Lo: the King is here.
His footsteps, soft and crystal clear
Fall on the courtyard where the leaves accrue —

Come, still your weeping.
Heaven is almost blue;
And gentler rain than yesterday is falling.