MOONRISE

AND who has seen the moon, who has not seen

Her rise from out the chamber of the deep,

Flushed and grand and naked, as from the chamber

Of finished bridegroom, seen her rise and throw

Confession of delight upon the wave,

Littering the waves with her own superscription

Of bliss, till all her lambent beauty shakes towards

us

Spread out and known at last, and we are sure
That beauty is a thing beyond the grave,
That perfect, bright experience never falls
To nothingness, and time will dim the moon
Sooner than our full consummation here
In this odd life will tarnish or pass away.