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CECIL ROBERT LLOYD

ALBERT SCHWEITZER, 1962

Your hammer swings our age and strikes home
 nailing scaffolds to facades of deeds patiently raised
 from stone-hearted heavy needs worn altars
 by arches of our tears.

We walk the base
 of action, stroking sometimes the pores and polish,
 or trace the joints and bonds settled by gravity.
 Sometimes we enter silence stepping past
 shrines and bright leaping saints into hot beams
 tunneled from where we hear you still at work
 to close your contours over man and build your sky;
 then we stare upward from our flowered focus
 and await release—your limp hand and the echoes
 of the last blow at impact of what falls from you,
 and what swung you:

then we know how we too
 must step outside and clatter up to wield and try
 hammers to leaves of gold, our guild your sky.

V. BARRETT PRICE

MOONSTONE BEACH

I walk singing
 deep inside the moon;
 (now)
 the stroked
 and sighing
 sea
 runs coolly
 up into
 the sky.

Curved,
 balanced,
 smooth,
 and mirrored
 vision;
 the night
 is bathed
 and floating
 deep inside
 itself.