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By José Garcia Villa

If I could love you with the strength of fire: with the strength that warms And the strength that hurts, Then would I go to you on silver toes To love you. . .

But being as I am, a lover of flowers,
Of weak white flowers liquid in the moonlight,
I love only with the moon's soft love
That dies with the dawn.
And weakly would I love you
For the lover of evening flowers—
Ah, he dies with the dawn.