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## Portrait in Chair

William Orem

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ILLUSTRATION BY CHRIS HENSON

## PORTRAIT IN CHAIR

*by William Orem*

Asleep she is a thing close to dying,  
cheek near to it,  
her drift of hair, the long space of forehead.  
Here the small book that moved her to dreams,  
open-rested,  
forgetful in a spill of lax fingers.  
The frowsy lamp shows her  
in a lemon-blond light, & her mind  
goes to deepness, a field  
loved by so many stars.