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This single tear I let fall from my eye
Has travelled far across the vacant plains
In clouds that gathered, darkening the sky.
This single tear fell once in summer rains
Upon a woman, nude below the sur-
Face of the water where she swam. She wrung
It from her hair while singing, soft and pure.
It fell as perspiration from a young
Man's brow, a home-sick sailor thinking of
The work he must complete before his shift
Is through, and how the ocean conquers love.
This tear, once crystallized within a drift
Of snow, has quenched a glowing cinder with
Its breath. It falls away, ignoring death.