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*[Death, why should I fear you?]*

Death, why should I fear you?  
Are you not here working with me?  
Am I not touching you with my eyes; haven't  
you said that you know nothing, that you are empty  
inattentive and meek? Don't you enjoy  
everything with me: glory, solitude,  
love, right down to your marrow?  
Death, are you not bearing,  
right beside me, life?  
Don't I take you from place to place  
like a blind man's guide? Don't you utter  
with your unresisting lips whatever I  
want you to say? Don't you endure  
the kindness with which I bind you?  
What will you see? What will you say? Where will you go  
without me? Will I not be  
Death, your death, that you, Death,  
must love and indulge and fear?