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To forget would be sweet Seraph's breath:
The end of days gone by at length
With no memory of grim conscious choices,
Or careless words coughed with hurried voices.

Many times wishing to undo
Thoughts, speech, and actions too;
Amnesia's touch offers this relief.
Erasing past pain or swollen grief.

Take the gift of this thoughtful thief
It presents to all an unmarked belief:
That this life need not be made
Of what was done or the heart displayed.

For one small sip of the river Lethe—
Able to enter Paradise, free—
Would negate and dam amounting sin,
And from imperfect Past—renewed—begin.