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Consider thy mortality,
maybe life is good to thee--
for now, but wait
the present state
cannot endure forever.

Consider how thy death may stand,
or fall, upon the deed thy hand
has held less done
for anyone
who passes by thee ever.

Consider well the doings of the hour,
remember that thy every word has power:
to speak or not
may shape thy lot
and change thy life forever.

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