

# Now and Forever

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I'll settle for Immortality—  
Not thru the body  
Not thru the eyes  
5 Star spangled high mountains  
waning moon over Aspen peaks;  
But thru words, thru the breath  
of long sentences  
loves I have, heart beating  
10 still,  
inspiration continuous, exhalation of  
cadenced affection  
These immortal survive America,  
survive the fall of States  
15 Departure of my body,  
mouth dumb dust  
This verse broadcasts desire,  
accomplishment of Desire  
Now and forever boys can read  
20 girls dream, old men cry  
Old women sigh  
youth still come.

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