Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day  
You fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way.  
Kicking around on a piece of ground in your home town  
Waiting for someone or something to show you the way.  
  
Tired of lying in the sunshine  
Staying home to watch the rain.  
You are young and life is long  
And there is time to kill today.  
And then one day you find  
Ten years have got behind you.  
No one told you when to run,  
You missed the starting gun.  
  
And you run and you run to catch up with the sun  
But it's sinking  
And racing around to come up behind you again.  
The sun is the same in a relative way  
But you're older,  
Shorter of breath and one day closer to death.  
  
Every year is getting shorter  
Never seem to find the time.  
Plans that either come to naught  
Or half a page of scribbled lines  
Hanging on in quiet desparation is the English way  
The time has gone, the song is over,  
Thought I'd something more to say.  
  
Home, home again  
I like to be here when I can  
When I come home cold and tired  
It's good to warm my bones beside the fire  
Far away, across the field  
The tolling of the iron bell  
Calls the faithful to their knees  
To hear the softly spoken magic spells