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because you take life in your stride (instead  
of scheming how to beat the noblest game  
a man can proudly lose, or playing dead  
and hoping death himself will do the same

because you aren't afraid to kiss the dirt  
(and consequently dare to climb the sky)  
because a mind no other mind should try  
to fool has always failed to fool your heart

but most (without the smallest doubt) because  
no best is quite so good you don't conceive  
a better; and because no evil is  
so worse than worst you fall in hate with love

—human one mortally immortal i  
can turn immense all time's because to why