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分解:

- 1. Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: 三种激情虽然简单,却异常强烈,它们统治着我的生命,
- 1) passion 原为不可数的抽象名词"激情", 此处加上 s, 是表示"不同的激情"
- 2) simple but overwhelmingly strong:插入成分,形容词做后置定语;副词 overwhelmingly 表示"强烈地",修饰 strong
- 3) govern:统治、掌控、掌管;引申出我们非常熟悉的名词:government(政府), governor(州长、省长)
- 2. the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the

suffering of mankind.

对爱的渴望,对知识的追求,以及对人类苦难的难以承受的同情。

- 1) the longing ,the search 和 the pity 是三个名词的并列,表示"渴望"、"探求"、"悲悯";后面均用连词 for,再跟上宾语,显得非常对仗、工整
- 2) 最后一个: unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind; unbearable 指 "不可承受的"; un+bear+able; suffering 在此处是名词, 指 "苦难", 其动词形式为 suffer
- 3. These passions, like great winds, have blown me hither and thither 这三种激情像狂风,把我刮来刮去
- 1) like great winds:插入成分,介词短语作后置定语
- 2) hither and thither: 古英语,相当于 here and there;副词,到处、各处
- 4. ···in a wayward course, over a deep ocean of anguish, reaching to the very verge of despair.

以一种恣意的方式,在苦海之上,把我刮到绝望的边缘

- 1) in a wayward course:插入成分,方式状语,修饰前面句子的 blow (吹); wayward 表示 "任性的、不规则的"。表示 "以一种无方向的路径",就是 "大风按照不规则的路径" 把你吹到这吹到那。
- 2) over a deep ocean of anguish:插入成分,介词短语,地点状语,仍然修饰前面的 blow(吹);表示"在痛苦的深海之上";anguish 是名词,"痛苦"之义。
- 3) reaching to the very verge of despair:现在分词作状语,表结果;"达到绝望的边缘"; very 在这里是形容词,表示"最"(用在名词前表一种极限);比如:He is the very person you are looking for.

最后再体会一遍:

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