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Thou wast not put on earth to ask
If there be God, or life or death.
Seize then thy tools and to thy task
And give to toil each panting breath.

Thy tools thou hast, nor needst to seek
Thy health or faith or useful art,
The strength to toil, the power to speak,
A mighty mind or kindly heart.

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