

Fernando Pessoa
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God knows. Lie we to sleep
 Contentedly somehow,
Smiling that we did weep,
 As at an overthrow
Of kingdoms the stars, deep
 In silence, smile nor know.

God knows. And an He knew not
 And were not, what of it?
No matter that we do not
 Our life with living fit.
Glad to have sleep and tears,
 Lullaby to our fears!

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