

## To Love What Death Can Touch

'Tis a fearful thing  
to love what death can touch.  
A fearful thing  
to love, to hope, to dream, to be –  
to be,  
And oh, to lose.  
A thing for fools, this,  
And a holy thing,  
a holy thing  
to love.  
For your life has lived in me,  
your laugh once lifted me,  
your word was gift to me.  
To remember this brings painful joy.  
'Tis a human thing, love,  
a holy thing, to love  
what death has touched.

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