

body of Dante, and read "The Divine Comedy" as a vision seen not in the body but out of the body. Both the figures of Dante and Virgil have the slightly feminine look which he gave to representations of the soul.

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"VENITE, DESCENDAMUS"



LET be at last : give over words and sighing,
Vainly were all things said :
Better, at last, to find a place for lying,
Only dead.

Silence were best, with songs and sighing over ;
Now be the music mute :
Now let the dead, red leaves of autumn cover
A vain lute !

Silence is best : for ever and for ever,
We will go down to sleep,
Somewhere, beyond her ken, where she need never
Come to weep.

Let be at last : colder she grows, and colder ;
Sleep and the night were best ;
Lying, at last, where we cannot behold her,
We may rest.

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