DEATH IS THE END

Some hope to have Their dusty bones laid Inside a marble mausoleum, Beside several sleeping revolutions.

But I am not my bones, And when my taste dissolves, When I no longer feel the faintest touch— Why should I care where I am, When, indeed, forgotten, I am not?

Rather now, I'll make my home In that hidden glade Where spirits rest on jagged boughs And sing with birds, red and brown.

Together laughing as they watch The pale priests in shabby robes Trudge their solemn way To satin graves and marble mausoleums.