

# Two Poems



Lady in the Park by Childe Hassam, 1897

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## THE GARDEN

the peace descends  
on a sunny walk sometimes,  
and in half closed eyes

a dazzling counterfeit light,  
sent to tease, mislead  
soon calms and goes  
to leave a softer truer place

watching thoughts dancing and  
circling the body tone,  
feeling lumps and pains,  
strain and tears, and the years  
fleeting before the inner eye  
trying to engage  
and hold me here

slowly I can slip away  
leaving mind on guard  
with a rhyme to chant, aware  
but not daring to see  
that I have gone  
back to the Garden  
for a short eternal time

## **PROJECTION**

the man has been true to himself

my projection was the blinding force

holding me fast in it's grasp

chasing him here, there,

fleeting mirages all

shimmering in the distance

ever close but eluding grasp

I failed to see

the man has been true to himself

and not to my projections of me

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