



*Peaceful Window*  
New Hanover Arboretum - Wilmington, North Carolina  
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## Windows

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The windows of the place wherein I dwell  
I will make beautiful. No garish light  
Shall enter crudely; but with colors bright,  
And warm and throbbing I will weave a spell,  
In rainbow harmony the theme to tell  
Of sage and simple saint and noble knight,  
Beggar and king who fought the gallant fight.  
These shall transfigure even my poor cell.

But when the shadows of the night begin,  
And sifted sunlight falls no more on me,  
May I have learned to light my lamp within;  
So that the passing world may look and see  
Still the same radiance, though with paler hue,  
Of the sweet lives that help men to live true.