

Botany Verse: Dedication to the Elements

I love well the fiery
the flaming element
in flashes of lightning
and flickering of stars

I love well the airey
so free and divine
where the winds and the clouds
and eagles wander

I love well the watery
the rushing one
yearningly welling one
from land to land

I love well the earth
it's holiest green
where it's lovely to wander
and sweeter to rest on

I will at my dying
my being most gladly
to these my beloved
to the elements give

My spirit to the flame
my soul to the air
my heart to the water
my body to earth

spirit shall be blazing
soul be expanding
the waves of the heart
shall onward surge and sing
the body shall rest.

-By Robert Hammerling