

Ultimate Albatross
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The Ultimate Albatross
Which Hangs about My Neck
Is Virtue in Me
That will not let Me
Go the Easy Way
That Awesome Weight
Which Bows Me to the Ground
Also Lifts Me Up
That I Might Stand
If I but Let It Have Its Way
All in Me has Given Way
Yet I cannot Abandon Virtue
I cannot Bear to Live
Yet because of Her I do not Dare to Die
In the Bitter End
I Cling to Virtues
I thought Never were Attained
As They Under-Gird Me
I see Them Surface
Just in Time
To Stay Me
On this Rugged Course

