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## **Gratitude**

Man and woman constantly (are we not?)  
are constipated or cursing diarrhoea,  
bad breath, bad teeth, bad skin,  
falling or superfluous hair  
or a good crop has dandruff in.  
You name it, we've the lot.  
Yet there are those  
who almost seem immune from all,  
whose skin and breath alike sing of the rose.  
Petals we know must fall,  
and not all days are good,  
but there are perfect days.  
To what I do not know, but know we should  
give praise.