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Caring

We are here for many things
mostly at variance:
to make ourselves something
other than nature made us
yet not to deny nature;

to divine and follow reason
yet to dare at a moment
to follow something other
which guides us against reason.
But most, surely, to care.

Care for ourselves (how else
can we understand caring?)
more for other things (beauty,
truth), most, like Sydney
dying, to care for others.

The image of Sydney's death
is mythical, someone says.
But living he earned this
beautiful crown of myth,
this parable of truth.