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He is much moved
by impermanence, by the sheer
ephemerality of what he sees. There is,
in his continuance, a want he can't define. Yet here,
on this small inelegant world where nothing
stands still, where whole lifetimes come and go in
the merest instant, where things in all their
infinite variation wallow and burgeon and multiply
endlessly, where his hand is in the fall of
every sparrow, where his hand is in the end of
every creature that draws breath,
he feels complete.

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