"THE SCULPTOR" & "YOUNG LOVERS"

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The Sculptor

With his tiny hammer and a chisel to match, The sculptor admired the marble untamed, The air of perfection he wanted to catch, To kill its pure beauty, he wasn't ashamed. With circles around it he hammered away, His eyes glowed like flames of a torch – With passionate strokes he shaped marble like clay, The lovely white essence with fire he'd scorch. The form he had aimed at was starting to show, The madness kept rising, the structure awoke, The eyes of this madman with power did glow, To finish this sculpture was left just one stroke. Applause and excitement fulfilled his desire, His fame went on living with time growing older, But all of his passionate, colorful fire, Went out with a flick, with his flesh getting colder. Through all of eternity madmen were ridden By knowledge of truth, some forbid or condone, But there lies a question unanswered, and hidden Which was perfection – David or Stone?

Young Lovers

Like two full moons they softly glimmer, Reflected only in her face, Translucent eyes with passion shimmer, Gaze through her soul's protective glaze.

They look at me and laugh so sweetly, Young lovers are forever free, He kisses her quite indiscreetly, My wondering stare he doesn't see.

What makes them different from all loves? Their actions, thoughts I used to feel. Their hearts seem freer than white doves; My own temptations I can't seal.

It's night, and they don't see the dark. They only hear the wind, and need To hear his lullaby, to mark The day their passion may be freed.



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