

### **Clouds**

#### Cirrus

Sheep are grazing in sky's pastures;  
They flee from a troupe of ravenous wolves,  
And are rescued  
When the shepherd of the heavens  
Surrounds them with the cloak of invisibility.

#### Cumulus

Cinematogravures screened upon earth's ceiling,  
Frothy jinn who display bravado when it's calm,  
But flee like slinking cowards before the storm.

#### Nimbus

Hearts melted at the sight of parched earth,  
In the Fall—  
Tears of sorrow.  
Hearts delighted at the Primer's smile,  
In the Spring—  
Tears of joy.

#### Stratus

Soldiers are marching,  
Passing in review.  
Off to war,  
In the battle of the elements  
They fall without a murmur,  
Spirits of self-sacrifice.

#### Thunder Clouds

Mountains of vanity,  
Bosoms puffed with self-conceit,  
Howling with rage when they are discovered  
And the bubble is burst.