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where men's small minds weakness attest

where laurel goes to less than best

where great men are defiled in jest

and lesser creatures ride the crest

where fool shouts down the brilliant great

where lotus-eaters navigate

where pride corrupts itself to hate

and dreams are born and then stagnate

where silent crowds fill noisy halls

where clocks keep watch with chimeless calls

where widows work their stitchless shawls

and children flirt in empty malls

where rain deserts the cloudless skies

where philistines proclaim their lies

where men call out with bitter cries

and abdicate their hopes with sighs

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