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Dylan Thomas "Fern Hill"

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Now as I was young and easy under the apple boughs About the lilting house and happy as the grass was Green,

The night above the dingle starry,

Time let me hail and climb

Golden in the heydays of his eyes,

And honoured among wagons I was prince of the apple Towns

And once below a time I lordly had the trees and leaves Trail with daisies and barley

Down the rivers of the windfall light.

And as I was green and carefree, famous among the barns

About the happy yard and singing as the farm was home,

In the sun that is young once only,

Time let me play and be

Golden in the mercy of his means,

And green and golden I was huntsman and herdsman, the

Calves

Sang to my horn, the foxes on the hills barked clear And

Cold.

And the sabbath rang slowly

In the pebbles of the holy streams.

All the sun long it was running, it was lovely, the hay Fields high as the house, the tunes from the chimneys, It was Air

And playing, lovely and watery

And fire green as grass.

And nightly under the simple stars

As I rode to sleep the owls were bearing the farm away, All the moon long I heard, blessed among stables, the Nightjars

Flying with the ricks, and the horses Flashing into the dark.

And then to awake, and the farm, like a wanderer white

With the dew, come back, the cock on his shoulder: it Was all Shining, it was Adam and maiden, The sky gathered again And the sun grew round that very day. So it must have been after the birth of the simple Light In the first, spinning place, the spellbound horses Walking Warm Out of the whinnying green stable On to the fields of praise. And honoured among foxes and pheasants by the gay house Under the new made clouds and happy as the heart was Long, In the sun born over and over, I ran my heedless ways, My wishes raced through the house high hay And nothing I cared, at my sky blue trades, that time Allows In all his tuneful turning so few and such morning Songs Before the children green and golden Follow him out of grace. Nothing I cared, in the lamb white days, that time Would Take me Up to the swallow thronged loft by the shadow of my Hand,

In the moon that is always rising,

Nor that riding to sleep

I should hear him fly with the high fields

And wake to the farm forever fled from the childless Land.

Oh as I was young and easy in the mercy of his means, Time held me green and dying

Though I sang in my chains like the sea.

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