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PARENTHESIS.

A boy is coming out to life again.

A blow given me by this night's shrieking sky

Falling with the wind into the subtleties of
malice

To give pain

(Life is real, Life is earnest),

A boy is coming out to life again.

The subtleties of growth

Make drought

Work that way -

I am an empty fountain who watered the garden,

An old hen who hatched that egg -

Nourrice de cocatrices

Against the grain.

A boy is coming out to life again.