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Harry Pilcer at the Pavilion Spring 1914.

Wind upon a burning torch,
Blown back hair ascorch,
Body lifted like a lance,
Dance!

Sullen face with love and wine
Darkened, lifted for a sign
Of the God behind your eyes
Dionyse

God with your pale powdered face,
Subtleties of your embrace
Steel under a flaming scarf,
Laugh!

Wine dark honey pouring ^{est} free,
Pitiless cool urgent bee,
Gentleness to barb your sting,
Spring!

Eloquent fierce hands' caress,
Death under your dancing dress,
Life out of your passion-call
Bacchanal!

Subtle, radiant, wholly human
Fallen close upon a woman,
Mark the audience strain and stir....
Envy her?

Healer of a war-cursed nation,
Perfumed modern incarnation
Of the strangest God that goes
Eros.