

# DEATH

*What*

# EFFORT!

*what* **EFFORT** *the horse makes*  
*to be a* **DOG!**  
*what effort the dog to become a swallow!*  
*what effort the swallow to a bee!*  
*what effort the bee to become a horse!*

**AND THE HORSE,**  
*with a sharp shaft it steals from a rose!*  
*with grey rosiness*  
*lifts from its lips!*

**AND THE ROSE,**  
*what a flock of lights and cries*  
*Caught in the living sap of its*  
**STEM!**

**AND THE SAP,**  
*What* **THORNS**  
*it dreams in its vigil!*

*And the tiny daggers*  
*What* **WHAT NAKEDNESS**  
*and no stable,*

**AND I,**  
*in the eaves,*  
*what a*

**BURNING SERAPH I SEEK**  
*and I am!*

*But the arch of plaster,*  
*how* **VAST,** *how* **INVISIBLE,**  
*how minute,*

# WITHOUT EFFORT!