

This Costly Gift of Life Half-Spent

~~Birthday Thirty-Fifth, 1966~~

This costly gift of life ^{is now} ~~perhaps~~ half spent.
Thou hast entrusted me with breath and ~~body~~ flesh.
Enable me, if time (shall still) remain
To plunge my muscle, bone and heart and brain
To ^{honor} ~~serve~~ thee ^{by} serving ^{my} ~~those~~ ^{neighbors} ~~so~~ near at hand
Whose suffering only thou ~~canst~~ ^{canst} understand.

(35th Birthday, 1966)

