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All solids dissolve, no wheels revolve,
And facts have no endurance –
And who knows if it is by design or pure inadvertence
That the Present destroys its inherited self-importance?
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