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Your dumpling must have been some idly thing
Kept couched away from thieving men like me.
But even the rarest vintage made, the vintner tastes
From time to time, assuring that quality sublime
That sun and grape put in will still be there
For rich-cheeked men who roar and sup at tables set
With linen-cloth and goldered-glass that I shall never touch
But only think a thought for you,
Who waits with sweet concealed,
That when at last full-fingered men succeed
And make you yield,
The sauce upon your dumpling, dear,
Unlike my piquant wine,
Will be congealed.