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SUZY DICK

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The aged actor, sun,
His glorious encore done,
Bows graciously and goes;
Then the day's curtains close.

As earthly applause rings,
The moon from the dark wings,
Performs in the spotlight
The opening of night.

R. FOCO

ALONE?

The acquiescent chambers of my mind
In timely prayer do mouth
The words, unclothed with heart,
Ascend, they fall . . . unheard . . . unsaid.
Why do we mortals pray at all,
If ties of voice and heart
Combine only under stressful straws;
A last resort? . . . Then when conflict
Leaves to rest . . . In Adam's strength
We place our trust.