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and vagueness of modern destiny: "The golden beak of an airplane beat into the future."

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Tears being spent—fountains of the eyes being dry—
I will put aside the mind that believes the lie,
Accepts the malicious word, is willing to hear
Falsehood. How can I explain to a reluctant ear?

If it is not enough that my signature scrawled across my life
Is guileless and unaffected, let the knife
Sever the treasured friendship. Who does not know
Can never be persuaded. I will not beg for relief. Let it be so.