

# YOU NEVER LISTENED

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You never listened,  
though each night the rain  
wove its patterns again  
and trembled and glistened...

You were not watching,  
though each night the stars  
shone, brightening the tears  
in her eyes palely fetching...

You paid love no notice,  
though she lay in my arms  
as the stars rose in swarms  
like a legion of poets,

as the lightning recited  
its opus before us,  
and the hills boomed the chorus,  
all strangely delighted...

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