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## MODERN LIVES

From early times,  
To Middle Ages,  
The lives of men were brief.

The basic needs,  
The threats on life,  
Were met with spare relief.

Along came modern medicine,  
Technologies once untold.  
The tools of man, sheer wizardry,  
Truly something to behold.

So today we live a century,  
The span of three past lives.  
The basics and the threats are tamed,  
But new demons now arise.

It used to be necessity  
And station chose our fate.  
Today we are uniquely free,  
Our futures contemplate.

With thrice the time  
And unbound choice,  
Do men to gods rejoice?  
No not at all, for now they see,  
There's burden in the choice.

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