Child

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I don't know quite what's happening and my eyes don't see too clear; all I know is I need you here, if only to shield me from the mood of the world and hold me and say it doesn't matter.... but I'm like a child whose dreams are shattered, Crowding round me: images of broken thought, lines of my life now overgrown. All I can feel is I'm so alone, without even your bright eyes to reach into my mind and say that in my life I've done right, and I'm like a moonchild in the sunlight. So cast your thoughts upon me, wherever you are, that I may feel you close beside me and hold your hand, for you to guide me through all these catacombs which freeze me with their touch; unknowing, knowing so much, my mind cries out and I'm like a child when the light's out With a child's fear of the dark