...And it Matters

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When the purple Flickers in the east And the first bird Begins to chirp It matters — I see a lamb Growing into a tiger And an even plane Into a rugged mountain.

The school bell chimes And it matters – Shakespeare, Einstein, Plato and Christ Come out of the grave In corporal dimension And then Melt into the thin air.

The rose blossoms
Into fragrance
And it matters —
A poet is born,
He writes,
He fights,
He dies into the womb of prose.

The thunder roars, It pours And it matters -The music Fades into noise, The rhythm Breaks into tears. The moon shines In a golden shrine And it matters The love – lorn soul Dreams not, Hums not a tune, The passion Burns within In phosphoric flames.

The telephone Rings on my table And it matters – Tranquil soliloquy Bursts into Boisterous multitude, The flight of stairs Shoots into the dizzy heights.

The dry leaves
Rustle in the forest of night
And it matters —
My prodigious phantom
Slowly but steadily
Seduces my soul
Towards a total consummation.

Grayed into experience And ravished by years I search in vain For a pasture – green and virgin And the Eternity plays on Ding dong Ding dong.

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