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1816  
TRANSLATED FROM RONSARD  
by John Keats

Nature withheld Cassandra in the skies  
For more adornment a full thousand years;  
She took their cream of Beauty's fairest dyes,  
And shap'd and tinted her above all Peers:  
Meanwhile Love kept her dearly with his wings,  
And underneath their shadow fill'd her eyes  
With such a richness that the cloudy Kings  
Of high Olympus utter'd slavish sighs.  
When from the Heavens I saw her first descend  
My heart took fire, and only burning pains  
They were my pleasures- they my Life's sad end;

Love pour'd her beauty into my warm veins...

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