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THE DAY IS GONE, AND ALL ITS SWEETS ARE GONE!

by John Keats

The day is gone, and all its sweets are gone!  
Sweet voice, sweet lips, soft hand, and softer breast,  
Warm breath, light whisper, tender semi-tone,  
Bright eyes, accomplish'd shape, and lang'rous waist!  
Faded the flower and all its budded charms,  
Faded the sight of beauty from my eyes,  
Faded the shape of beauty from my arms,  
Faded the voice, warmth, whiteness, paradise-  
Vanish'd unseasonably at shut of eve,  
When the dusk holiday or holinight  
Of fragrant-curtain'd love begins to weave

The woof of darkness thick, for hid delight;  
But, as I've read love's missal through to-day,  
He'll let me sleep, seeing I fast and pray.

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