5. In what he says of this distinction between sculpturesque and picturesque poets, De Quincey is close to Coleridge's distinction between the statuesque and the picturesque, statuesque describing ancient art, picturesque modern.

6. "Shakespeare and Wordsworth", in Claude E. Jones, "Some De Quincey Manuscripts", ELH, VIII (September, 1941), p. 219.

## EXPECT NIGHT, THEN

## Willis Eberman

Expect to be lonely: it is the lot of most men on earth. Not even love will alleviate that aching. Expect old age: accept the inevitable. It is enough that you have been a part of the music of youth; danced, gathered flowers, run in the golden wind of vanished summer... Now the autumn lies like a burnished field before you. Prepare to watch heaven hold earth in sunset: wine and gold, and singing heart of amber on the west above this ocean... Expect night, then, to embrace all, even the loneliness.