

The Tune

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A Bm G D

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I know a certain tune that my life plays;
A Bm G A
Over and over I've heard it start
D G Bm A
With all the wavering loveliness of viols,
G D Bm A
And gain in swiftness like a runner's heart.

C G D

A Bm G D Bm
It climbs and climbs; I watch it sway in climbing
A Bm A
High over time, high even over doubt.
D G Bm A
It has all heaven to itself—it pauses,
G D Bm A
And faltering blindly down the air, goes out.

C G D

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