

Why?

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Why have silver knobs on your doors
Or woolen rugs on your floors?
Why have chinaware, a set of twelve
Neatly stacked upon a shelf?
Why have precious pictures on the wall
And windows dressed like a doll?
Why demand with the help of tear
To gain the things that seem so dear?
Why wish for all the luscious things
Which are only meant for kings?
Why build great treasure on this earth
When in time you return to dirt?
When all that counts, at the end
Partner, rich or poor, "Were you content?"