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**Come,**

people,  
with your healthy eyes  
and a minute--  
there is your living,  
after all,  
here  
to be gripped softly  
and touched with the tongue  
I  
am not one  
to be feared.  
Come--

we have together before, you know,  
at various  
dawnings--  
and if  
there are words  
and lines  
and poems  
that do not understand  
themselves  
to you,  
they are  
for other ears.  
But  
(my promise to you)  
there will  
be touches  
and song,  
hot  
and sincere  
as the sun.  
---*Joshua Hockensmith*