

"Vitae Summa Brevis" by Ernest Dowson:

Title is from Horace's Ode I: "The shortness of life prevents us from entertaining far-off hopes."

## **VITAE SUMMA BREVIS**

They are not long, the weeping and the laughter,

Love and desire and hate;

I think they have no portion in us after

We pass the gate.

They are not long, the days of wine and roses:

Out of a misty dream

Our path emerges for a while, then closes

Within a dream.