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Editor's Note: Dr. M. Agnella Gunn has served as chairman of a committee of the National Conference on Research in English designated to revise and update a bulletin on research and the teaching of reading published by NCRE about ten years ago. The four original topics have been retained and four new topics have been added. Dr. Gunn's article and the one by Dr. Robert Karlin which follows are the first two articles in a series of eight which will comprise the NCRE bulletin. The other chapters of the bulletin will appear in subsequent issues of the English Journal. Authors of the other six articles are James R. Squire, Margaret J. Early, Constance M. McCullough, Walter J. Moore, Thomas G. Devine, and Paul Diederich.

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Awake, but tired on this dead blue of a night Pondering our love, my thoughts gain sight Of the unconscious deceit diffused Through the bond between us newly loosed.

Freely devouring our once-sacred souls, Our facades strengthened, refining the moulds We each created as a niche to store The other mate. Carouseling around the gore

Now caked with a time-ridden confection Of lies and falsely expressed affection, We never attempted to care or understand The minds within the bodies of the hands

Supporting the glitter of a band of gold. But now that I foresee our love grown cold Without passion's warming glow to sustain, In your dwelling I will no longer remain.

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