



# You shall above all things be glad and young...

By E. E. Cummings

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For if you're young,whatever life you wear

it will become you;and if you are glad  
whatever's living will yourself become.  
Girlboys may nothing more than boygirls need:  
i can entirely her only love

whose any mystery makes every man's  
flesh put space on;and his mind take off time

that you should ever think,may god forbid  
and (in his mercy) your true lover spare:  
for that way knowledge lies,the foetal grave  
called progress,and negation's dead undoom.

I'd rather learn from one bird how to sing  
than teach ten thousand stars how not to dance