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LATE SUMMER

Voices from the terrace fading,
In the gardens gather sound.
Under platans' ample shading
Haughty beauties flounce around,
Pert in elegant allures,
On the arm of paramours
Closer clinging, and with sweet
Nods they greet.

Oh, the hoops that boast of rich
Children, agile in their wile,
Yielded to the airy style!
Questions idling on the tongue,
With the perfumes that bewitch
Swept along.

Drums are still and viols thrill.
Distant hoof-beats, riders amble
Slowly onward, careless ramble.
Flippant whispers flutter, rise
In surprise.

Gay and empty galantries
Foe to action's turbid seas.
Languid wisdom. Spas alone
Strike this tone.

Gondolas are gliding past,
Gentle rhythm, gentle lure,
Lap of oars on water cast
Mingle lightly to a sprightly
Pompadour.