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Slowly darkens the English countryside;  
pale and distant, the moon sails the sky,  
announcing to the green and sleepy farms  
the coming of a new warm summer night.  
Silent and brooding, the young scholar sits  
close to the door of his ancestral manor,  
and in the melancholy, timeless peace  
surrounding him, his mind leisurely wanders  
into half-closed domains of time and space.

Behold. One of the savory red fruits  
noisily falls down from an apple tree,  
compelled by its own sweet maturity.  
The truth-searcher, lifting his idle gaze,  
beholds both fallen fruit and silv'ry disk,  
and the sharp edge of cruel inner lightning  
pierces in silence the young scholar's brain:  
Is it then possible that star and fruit  
obey one law, both cases being one?  
(Why does satellite not fall to earth,  
but instead, far into the past and future,  
once and again follow dutiful ellipse?)

Before dawn comes, will Isaac Newton find  
the law of gravitation in his mind.