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**From "The Sensitive
Plant"**

By Percy Bysshe Shelly

The plumed insects swift and free,
Like golden boats on a sunny sea,
Laden with light and odour, which pass
Over the gleam of the living grass;

The unseen clouds of the dew, which he
Like fire in the flowers till the sun rides
high,
Then wander like spirits among the
spheres,
Each cloud faint with the fragrance it
bears;

The quivering vapours of dim noontide
Which like a sea o'er the warm earth
glide,
In which every sound, and odour, and
beam
Move as reeds in a single stream:

Each and all like ministering angels
were,
For the Sensitive Plant sweet joy to
bear,
While the lagging hours of the day went
by
Like windless clouds o'er a tender sky.

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