Now and Forever
By Allen Ginsberg

I’ll settle for Immortality—
Not thru the body
   Not thru the eyes
   Star spangled high mountains
      waning moon over Aspen peaks;
But thru words, thru the breath
   of long sentences
loves I have, heart beating
   still,
inspiration continuous, exhalation of
   cadenced affection
These immortal survive America,
   survive the fall of States
   Departure of my body,
      mouth dumb dust
This verse broadcasts desire,
   accomplishment of Desire
Now and forever boys can read
   girls dream, old men cry
Old women sigh
   youth still come.

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