

# MODERNISM

## e. e. cummings

### Plato told

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him:he couldn't  
believe it(jesus

told him;he  
wouldn't believe  
it)lao

tsze  
certainly told  
him,and general  
(yes

mam)  
sherman;  
and even  
(believe it  
or

not)you  
told him:i told  
him;we told him  
(he didn't believe it,no

sir)it took  
a nipponized bit of  
the old sixth

avenue  
el;in the top of his head:to tell

him

### anyone lived in a pretty how town

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(with up so floating many bells down)  
spring summer autumn winter  
he sang his didn't he danced his did.

Women and men(both little and small)  
cared for anyone not at all  
they sowed their isn't they reaped their same  
sun moon stars rain

children guessed(but only a few  
and down they forgot as up they grew  
autumn winter spring summer)  
that noone loved him more by more

when by now and tree by leaf  
she laughed his joy she cried his grief  
bird by snow and stir by still  
anyone's any was all to her

someones married their everyones  
laughed their cryings and did their dance  
(sleep wake hope and then)they  
said their nevers they slept their dream

stars rain sun moon  
(and only the snow can begin to explain  
how children are apt to forget to remember  
with up so floating many bells down)

one day anyone died i guess  
(and noone stooped to kiss his face)  
busy folk buried them side by side  
little by little and was by was

all by all deep by deep  
and more by more they dream their sleep  
noone and anyone earth by april  
wish by spirit and if by yes.

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summer autumn winter spring  
reaped their sowing and went their came  
sun moon stars rain

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