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All but Death, can be Adjusted—

Dynasties repaired—

Systems—settled in their Sockets—

Citadels—dissolved--

Wastes of Lives—resown with Colors

By Succeeding Springs--

Death—unto itself—Exception—

Is exempt from Change—

Emily Dickinson



*By a route obscure and lonely,
Haunted by ill angels only,
Where an Eidolon, named NIGHT,
On a black throne reigns upright,
I have wandered home but newly
From this ultimate dim Thule—
From a wild weird clime that lieth, sublime,
Out of SPACE—out of TIME.*

“Dreamland”

Edgar Allan Poe

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