

## Love Calls Us To The Things Of This World

The eyes open to a cry of pulleys,  
And spirited from sleep, the astounded  
soul  
Hangs for a moment bodiless and  
simple  
As false dawn.  
Outside the open window  
The morning air is all awash with  
angels.

Some are in bed-sheets, some are  
in blouses,  
Some are in smocks: but truly there  
they are.  
Now they are rising together in calm  
swells  
Of halcyon feeling, filling whatever they  
wear  
With the deep joy of their impersonal  
breathing;

Now they are flying in place,  
conveying  
The terrible speed of their  
omnipresence, moving  
And staying like white water; and now  
of a sudden  
They swoon down in so rapt a quiet  
That nobody seems to be there.  
The soul shrinks

From all that it is about to remember,  
From the punctual rape of every  
blessed day,  
And cries,  
"Oh, let there be nothing on  
earth but laundry,  
Nothing but rosy hands in the rising  
steam  
And clear dances done in the sight of  
heaven."

Yet, as the sun acknowledges  
With a warm look the world's hunks  
and colors,  
The soul descends once more in bitter

*Richard Wilbur*

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