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.....  
Arise, Kilimanjaro, Arise !  
Let all your patrimony below and beyond  
Chirp and buzz, or stretch their time-formed limbs  
to shake off slumber,  
to begin the cycle of their progenitors,  
in uncountable years, softly set.  
Arise softly and let slide away  
the cool blue veil you let  
adorn your massiveness in gentle morning.

Arise, Kilimanjaro, and call to  
all your matrimony below,  
The day has begun ! And all must  
tend their young, forage and hunt,  
love and die under the sun.  
Arise in the sensual pink of which you are fitted,  
while you whisper seductively  
of the peace of the night,  
that solely heralds your lover's and children's enduring under the sun.

Arise, Kilimanjaro, in peace  
and Empire.  
Not like the moment of dictate  
millions of years ago,  
when you let known throughout  
the passion you possessed within --  
forced yourself up through the earth --  
and let rain from the sky fiery stones,  
cleaving forth the water  
and carving  
the earth to a randomness you preferred.  
Peace this morning, Kilimanjaro,  
like the crown of snow you end  
your morning's dressing,  
the frozen white crown,  
in which you signal to all that:  
today again, I will be silent  
and you must continue,

without justification, to your night's peace.

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