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Il perchè delle cose, e vedi il frutto  
Del mattin, della sera,  
Del tacito, infinito andar del tempo.*

—Giacomo Leopardi, "Canto notturno di un pastore errante dell'Asia"