

# “The End”

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There's something to be said for  
    "Happily Ever After,"  
Even if it's just in your head.  
The curtain will close on a kiss and God knows  
Where we will go from there,  
But the last thing the characters hear:  
The applause over the brass-line cheer.

Irony would not tear down the wall,  
Nor run events against expectation-  
Set a time limit on the proverb's adverb.  
The prince would stay kind and just and true,  
And the knight not let his armor rust,  
And only in other lives there be  
    A damsel in distress.

No one wants to know that  
The hero wiped the taste from his lips,  
That there was really no promise implied in that  
    "final" kiss.  
Or even that there's really no tragedy in  
    An "ending" such as this.

Yes, there is something to be said for  
    "Happily Ever After."  
It is just that the living interferes.