

Apologia pro Vita Sua

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The poet in his lone yet genial hour
Gives to his eyes a magnifying power :
Or rather he emancipates his eyes
From the black shapeless accidents of size
In unctuous cones of kindling coal,
Or smoke upwreathing from the pipe's trim bole,

His gifted ken can see
Phantoms of sublimity.