

“After the final argument”

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### **After the final argument**

Walk softly, the children are asleep;  
tomorrow is soon enough for them to know  
that what love plants, pain may reap.  
Walk softly, the children are asleep,  
warm and safe in the sheltering deep  
of the lands where dreams come and go.  
Talk softly, the children are asleep;  
tomorrow is soon enough for them to know.