Inscriptions on Sundials (Found Poem)

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Passer-by, stop, look, and get the hell out of here. I have seen nothing last forever under the sun. Oh time, devourer of things. Oh sun, king of kings. Only you can prove that I am useful. Let others tell of storms and showers, I only mark the bright hours.

It is light that makes a shadow. Nobody looks at me when the sun is not there. Oh light, I hope for thee in this darkness.

Let this hour be favorable. Devote the other to leisure, devote this one to work. Rest after work. Any hour can go to my friends. Use them, don't count them, they won't come back.

It is later than you think. Seize the day. Each one wounds, the last one kills. One will give what the other has refused. One of these will be your last.

Spring does not last forever. Life goes and still it always looks the same. Time is short, do not be late. Do not forget to live.



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