

# The Branch & A Thousand Lances

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*Large Tree Group*, Victoria Crowe, 1975

## The Branch

The branch that beats the skies  
In a sickly motion  
—that beats almost black in the dawn:

Its sickliness implies

a hopeless devotion  
–the echo that follows the yawn.

## **A Thousand Lances**

A thousand lances  
Charging at the hour;  
Chances  
At Christian power;

A thousand shrouds  
In crowned graves;  
Clouds  
Over crimson waves.

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