

The Force that through the Green Fuse Drives the Flower

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- The Poet / Speaker:** The poet is the main voice of the poem. He feels the same power that helps flowers and trees to grow is also inside his body. But he cannot explain this feeling in words.
- The Force of Nature:** This force is an invisible power that gives life to everything. It also brings death. The poet says this power can both create and destroy.
- The Flower / Green Fuse:** The flower and its green stem show young life and energy. The poet compares his own youth with the flower. He knows that both will die one day because of the same force.
- The Elements of Nature (Water, Wind, Time):** Water means life, wind means change, and time means the passing of life. These things show how nature always moves in a circle — life, growth, and death.
- The Lover's Tomb / Worm:** In the last part, the "lover's tomb" and "worm" mean death and decay. The poet understands that the same power giving him life today will one day cause his death. This shows that life and death are part of the same process.