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Tiny atom: bit of matter— Clench your fists and batter, batter! 'Gainst those walls that hold you tight Futile is your feeble fight.

Hopeless is it: Not a chance; Just some little sparks that dance, Briefly, vainly, then go out— Tell me what it's all about?