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DE IUVENTUTE INEXSPECTATA

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for Graham Handley

Our Magna Mater, Venus Genetrix,
Unwearyingly spills prolific power.
Mastering, moving, we command, commix

Potions for growth. Sad-shadowed Schopenhauer
In germ and seed, in spur and sperm and spore,
Deplored a random squander every hour—

Squalid refusal! Grumpy Einstein swore
God plays no dice. I think that dice play god.
Exuberance, from *uber*, udder, more

Can teach of nutriment, the push and pull
Of parenthood and parturition. Odd
That age remain, for one, exuvial,

Enfossiled, envoi to an old ballade.
Another will become Scheherazade.