

## **To Daisies, Not to Shut So Soon** [tu 'de:i.ziz nat tu ʃʌt so:ʊ sun]

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**Shut not so soon; the dull-eyed night**  
[ʃʌt nat so:ʊ sun ðʌ 'dʌl.a:ɪd na:ɪt]

Has not as yet begun  
To make a seizure on the light,  
Or to seal up the sun.

No marigolds yet closed are;  
No shadows great appear;  
Nor doth the early shepherds' star  
Shine like a spangle here.

Stay but till my Julia close  
Her life-begetting eye,  
And let the whole world then dispose  
Itself to live or die.

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*Thank you!*

