towards that thread of light
towards which everything bursting
all prison walls of the earth
naturally tends

towards that thread of light where the souls
of the dying exhilirate

towards that thread of light
that unifies all enchantments and makes of them intense
perceptions of grace

towards that thread of light which,
breaking with the habitual, at last
manifests sight with new eyes

----there remains only
the earnest grasping of all who hope
some bit of that light
might return to any of our human endeavors

--Alessandro Parronchi

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