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“ Itaque adolescentes mori sic mihi videntur, ut cum aquae multitudine vis flammæ opprimitur: senes autem, sicut sua sponte, nulla adhibita vi, consumptus ignis extinguitur. Et quasi poma, ex arboribus, si cruda sunt, vi avelluntur; si matura et cocta, decidunt: sic vitam adolescentibus vis aufert, senibus maturitas: quae mihi quidem tam jucunda est, ut, quo propius ad mortem accedam, quasi terram videre videar, aliquandoque in portum ex longa navigatione esse venturus.”

*Cicero de Senectute.*

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