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## Common Sense

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In what sense is sense common?  
It eludes the many,  
Flowing past them like a gentle gust of wind  
Slipping through their fingers as easily as air.  
Indiscriminately it passes  
The strong and weak,  
The wealthy and the destitute,  
The noble and the ignoble alike.  
Only few possess this marvelous virtue,  
The minority to whom we should bow.  
Those blessed with sense too often are  
discounted,  
Victims of the foolish machinations of the  
senseless.  
Nonsense, not common sense, engulfs the  
world,  
Enslaving mankind to do its bidding.  
Shakespeare, Voltaire, and Wodehouse agree,  
"Oh what fools these mortals be!"