

# Perspectives On "Proving" That Pleasure is "The Good"

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## *Lucretius versus the Lake Poets*

by Robert Frost

'Nature I loved; and next to Nature, Art.'

Dean, adult education may seem silly.

What of it, though? I got some willy-nilly

The other evening at your college deanery.

And grateful for it (let's not be facetious!)

For I thought Epicurus and Lucretius

By Nature meant the Whole Goddam Machinery.

But you say that in college nomenclature

The only meaning possible for Nature

In Landor's quatrain would be Pretty Scenery.

Which makes opposing it to Art absurd

I grant you—if you're sure about the word.

God bless the Dean and make his deanship plenary.

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^Regarding the meaning of nature, as discussed above