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by Martin Buxbaum

Once Upon a Dream, a collection of poems by Martin Buxbaum, will be published this month by World Publishing Company. The fourth book of verse from Mr. Buxbaum's pen and his ninth publication, it is Oriental in feeling and will be illustrated in Oriental style with the titles appearing in Chinese characters. Mr. Buxbaum's three earlier volumes of verse, Rivers of Thought, The Underside of Heaven and Whispers in the Wind have recently been redesigned and released with new illustrations.

ONCE UPON A DREAM

Once upon a dream
  Men saw a world
As perfect as a tiny shell
  Clean
And one that would serve them well
But shells are very fragile things
  And so are dreams

LOST POTENTIAL

Things unused
  And unabused
Stay shining and new
  And dead
As an unlit candle
An unplayed lute
  Or a book unread
BROTHERHOOD

To be brothers, each man
Should place his hand
    Into another's
Yet how can I
    If your fist is clenched?

THE UNREAD

All words the wisest men
    Have said
Are always new
To those unread

THE BEGGER'S WEALTH

When I was poor, my open door
Drew others in who had no more
    And some had even less
Then I was given a silver vase
To brighten up my humble place
And then I had to lock my door
    For I had something to possess
**THE EVIL OF GOODNESS**

As a man who is too evil  
Will eventually be destroyed  
   So will he who is too good  
For he makes all who are less good  
   Uncomfortable by comparison

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**PRICELESS JEWELS**

A Man's Word  
   Or a diamond, rare . . .  
Each their virtues share, if given whole  
   If broken . . .  
   *Both* are bits of coal

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**THE CONTINUITY OF LIFE**

As snowflake follows snowflake  
   So birth follows birth  
Through all uncounted time and space  
Each  
   To its own generation  
   Each its allotted place