

Tempting

I wonder why God put a tree with juicy fruit so sweet
In a place in which we live, then bade us not eat?

Why not simply leave it out of the Almighty's plan?
Instead of tempting us to eat and break the Good Lord's ban?

I think it was a teaching tree, a way for us to know
Temptation can't be overcome without some self-control.

We failed, it's true; but for the very young
It's what we would expect when someone's just begun.

To take all life's temptations and put them out of sight
Won't teach a child how to choose between what's wrong and right.

And killing off whatever seems to tempt us, like God's tree,
Must mean that we know more than God, and that seems wrong to me.