

Life's Balance Scale

a year before birth;
under full anesthesia;
a year after death

then, do we feel pain?
or delight in joie de vivre?
sentience is absent

conscious, we suffer
and we feel joyful pleasure
in mixed amalgam

measure their net weights
for all creatures across time
on life's balance scale

if joy outweighs pain,
if suffering is lesser,
then life's good – if not?



Themis, Goddess of Justice, daughter of Gaia (Earth)
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