

Silent Noon ['saɪ.lənt nʌn]

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Your hands lie open in the long fresh grass,
[jɔɹ hændz laɪ 'o:ʊ.pən ɪn ðə lɑŋ frɛʃ ɡrɑ(ə)s]

The finger-points look through like rosy blooms:
[ðə 'fɪŋ.ɡɛ.,pɔɪnts lʊk θru laɪ 'ro:ʊ.zi blʌmz]

Your eyes smile peace. The pasture gleams and glooms
'Neath billowing clouds (skies) that scatter and amass.

