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To A.F.L.B.

How many a night, mild of air and sweet in laughter
and revelry,

I have passed chatting away the dark hours

(Labid, *Mu'allaqa*, tr. A.F.L.B.,
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