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 And <sup>to Himself</sup> dancing softly <sup>unwinds -</sup>  
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 In unsubstantial Trade.  
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 In half the period.

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