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## DEDICATION

To —

*Let me not with the graving of thy name  
Betray thee to men's curiosity,  
As if my verse could grace or honour thee,  
And so confer an all illusive fame :  
Not humble is my just and simple claim,  
If in my chronicle a man shall see  
Thy conjured loveliness, and pause to be  
A worshipper of love's immortal flame.*

*Some pensive lover, lightly reading here  
Shall start, to see the sudden gleaming feet  
Of winged love, so sweet, so over fleet ;  
And tremble that a god has passed so near.  
But he who seeks thy name must come apart  
And search the hidden tablets in my heart.*

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As some old minstrel when the world was young,  
Unlearned in science, innocent of skill,  
Would sing his love beside a mountain rill  
In his uncouth and all unlettered tongue,  
And shake the woodlands till the echoes rung  
From dewy morn to dewy eve, and thrill  
The listening moon-enchanted hours until  
The astonished nightingale all silent hung ;

So would I hymn thee, oh, my sole delight,  
While the glad hours after thy beauty trip,  
And day to day doth whisper thee along.  
With such a theme all unabashed I might  
Pipe to the morning with untutored lip,  
Or lull the evening with unlettered song.

OF LOVE, I-VI