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*"Some said, 'John, print it;' others said, 'Not so.'
Some said, 'It might do good;' others said, 'No.'"*
—John Bunyan.

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*Oh, you who read some song that I have sung—
What know you of the soul from whence it sprung?*

*Dost Dream the poet ever speaks aloud
His secret thought unto the listening crowd?*

*Go take the murmuring sea-shell from the shore—
You have its shape, its color—and no more*

*It tells not one of those vast mysteries
That lie beneath the surface of the seas.*

*Our songs are shells, cast out by waves of thought,
Here, take them at your pleasure; but think not*

*You've seen beneath the surface of the waves,
Where lie our shipwrecks, and our coral caves.*



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