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In Amber Lands

THE WAY OF BEAUTY.

Who brings a thought of self to Beauty's shrine,
Or jealous envy, by so much the less
Shall feel within his soul her deep impress—
Shall thrill at quaffing of her mystic wine.
For Beauty hath no care for thine or mine,
But wasteth wide in wanton loveliness;
And only thus, in self-forgetfulness,
Shall any share with her the life divine.

O happy he whose heart doth full respond
To wandering Beauty's spell—wherever wrought!
He hath a pleasure finer than all thought
That instant as the touch of fairy wand
Makes rich the World for him, whate'er his lot,—
E'en tho' perchance a homeless vagabond.

AN INKLING.

Thro' my uncertain heart a moody tide
Of mere emotion evermore doth steal,
Fleckt with shining passions that appeal
For solace that is evermore denied.
But as the waters that elusive glide
Thro' lonely forests doubtful yet reveal
Some Ocean faith—so unafraid I feel
To test with Death this heart unsatisfied.

And from that tide thro' late haphazard years
I've gather'd crystall'd words sometimes—like
these:
Things marvell'd out from many memories;—
Uncanny songs, wherein withal one hears
Some overtone of happier melodies,
Or rhythm falling from enchanted spheres.