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TO MY WIFE

*I said : " Since golden dust of garnered sheaves
Dulls in each crevice of the threshing-floor,
And swift sweet wings that seek a sunnier shore
Have left a troubling silence 'neath our eaves :
I will arise, tho' Earth in Autumn grieves,
And bear with pipes and dancing to her door
Harvest of Dreams from Fields of Ancient Lore." . . .
Alas ! I bring a few poor fallen leaves.*

*Yet of my leaves I twine for your loved brows
This chaplet,—yours : not mine,—for you have trod
My being's bounds ; yours is the hand that ploughs
And sows, and draws new life from the dead sod ;
And you have moved among my drooping boughs
And stirred them with a wind that comes from God.*

Autumn, 1906.

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