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To C—

regretting that the verses are not better, but joyfully realizing that if they were, somebody else would have the pleasure of dedicating this book to her.

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