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## DEDICATION

To the memory of  
OVID BUTLER

Belovèd sire, though twenty years have passed  
Since thy fair counsel hath been given to men,  
Thine image still doth press upon my heart:  
For there hath been no influence in my life,  
From earliest breath, that hath surpassèd thine.  
Could'st thou but scan this page, what interest  
And kindly thought, perchance, thou mightest know:  
For reading into it thy spirit pure,  
My simple message would be magnified  
To something true and worthy of thy name.

Oh, thou, who in exalted dreams for those  
Thou lovedst well, ne'er equalled was by man!  
Dost thou still mind the hour when at thy feet  
I knelt, for Jacob's blessing on my head?  
And cried aloud in agony of grief;  
But more bemoanèd I (for thy relief  
Of sorrow's stress) mine own in consequence.

Well did I know how, after thy great loss,  
(That flame of youth which flashed across our sky  
And sped into eternity) although  
Thy children crowded near to comfort give,  
Thou desolate wast left without that *one*.  
And bent and sore bereft thou hadst but this:  
The reverence due thy virtue and thy years,  
From filial hearts; and daughter's blinding tears,  
With all abounding gift of love to thee from her—  
Gift consecrate: sweet frankincense and myrrh.

These verses, slight and mayhap shadowed o'er,  
I lowly offer them and lay them here,  
Midst plaudits which from far thou hast received.  
Oh, couldst thou speak to me (in memory  
Of deathless pact twixt Love and Gratitude)  
One single word of approbation kind,  
Content with life, and with a mind at rest,  
I would arise and consolation find,  
That thou with me (fulfilled thy request)  
Art in a measure satisfied, at last.

A. B. T.

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