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"Es gilt nur ein Glück auf der Erde, das Glück der Liebe, und wer das versäumt, alles versäumt."—FICHTE.

"MY love involves the love before;
My love is vaster passion now;
Though mix'd with God and Nature thou,
I seem to love thee more and more.

"Far off thou art, yet ever nigh;
I have thee still, and I rejoice;
I prosper, circled by thy voice,
I shall not lose thee, though I die."

TENNYSON, *In Memoriam*.



THE VITA NUOVA OF DANTE,

TRANSLATED,

WITH AN INTRODUCTION

AND NOTES,

BY THEODORE MARTIN.



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TO MY WIFE.

BELOVED, whose life is with mine own entwined,
In whom, while yet thou wert my dream, I view'd,

Warm with the life of breathing womanhood,
What Shakespear's visionary eye divined ;
Pure Imogen, high-hearted Rosalind,
Kindling with sunshine all the dusk greenwood ;
Or, changing with the poet's changing mood,
Juliet, and Constance of the queenly mind ;
I give this book to thee, whose daily life
With that full pulse of noblest feeling glows,
Which lent its spell to thy so potent art ;
To thee, whose every act, my own true wife,
The grace serene and heavenward spirit shows,
That rooted Beatrice in Dante's heart.

