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*Speak from your latest conviction and it speaks the universal sense,
for the inmost becomes in due time the outmost.—EMERSON.*

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DEDICATION.

OUT to the world I send my rhymèd thoughts.
O, busy world, I pray thee pause and hear !
Believe me, things are not as they appear.
With hidden meaning life is interwrought,
Which to our race with import grave is fraught.
Would I had power each saddened heart to cheer
With words of hope and sympathy sincere,
E'en though the proffered aid were all unsought.
Scoff not at the poetic form of speech ;
It is the vehicle wherein to teach
That which to high Parnassus' mount is sent
From Inspiration's mystic source above,
And shapen thus, for human use is lent.
Who, then, deriding it, can know of Love ?

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PRELUDE.

HOW many sharps and flats are set
 Within this instrument of life!
The heart-strings reach above, below,
 Combining harmony with strife.

Its cadences in every note
 Are found, from base to treble key;
With major, minor chords are linked
 For simple song or symphony.

The soul must be aflame to sound
 Them well! There is no theme too small;
No thought too great, from tiny flower
 To avalanche or torrent's fall.

It is the poet's sacred trust
 To tune this complex lute aright;
Who gains completest mastery
 Must be encircled by God's light!

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