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## REUBEN

BEHIND a bleak unshelter'd promontory—  
Seventy fathom of white chalk plunged down  
Sheer to deep sea, an edge to open space :  
Where, at her extreme bourne and outlook, Earth  
Stands up, and with a bared and dauntless brow  
Superbly fronts far ocean, shoreless air :—  
There lies a little hollow.

North, and east,  
And westward (save where one blue-opening vale  
Leads inland to the village and is lined  
With hanging firwoods dark), treeless and wan,  
Untenanted, unplough'd, as mid-sea blank,  
Spreads far away the everlasting down :  
A lonely tableland, whose pastures huge,  
Gradually undulating, never crown'd  
By soaring peak, nor falling to deep dales,  
With sober, tawny, equable long lines,  
Uninterrupted sweep the enormous sky :  
A voiceless lifted world of roomy peace,  
Whose simple amplitude and pure expanse