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I hail thee Brother—splee of the fool's scorn!  
And fain would take thee with me, in the dell  
Of peace and mild Equality to dwell,  
Where Toll shall call the charmer Health his bride,  
And Laughter tickle Plenty's ribless side!  
How thou wouldst toss thy heels in gamesome play,  
And frisk about, as lamb or kitten gay!  
Yea! and more musically sweet to me  
Thy dissonant harsh bray of joy would be,  
Than warbled melodies that soothe to rest  
The aching of pale Fashion's vacant breast!

—COLERIDGE.

