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THE HALF-POET

BECAUSE a Palm is laid across my lips
When most the phrases clamor to be sung,
I may not ape the ready love that slips
Like beggar's patter from a smoothen tongue;
I blame, who envy: yet, beneath the Hand,
The silence speaks to those that understand.

Gold of the sun, and wonder of the days!
Murrain on life, to lend but half a voice!
How may I bear the rapture and amaze
Of loving, while the very clods rejoice?
Yet may I speak my part, when planets see
The dim Hand leave my dumb lips spirit-free.

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