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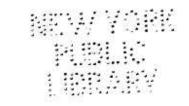
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PRELUDE

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 smoother 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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