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— ἔχω καλά τε φράσαι, τάλμα τί μοι
εὐθεΐα γλῶσσαν ὀρνίει λέγειν·
ἄραχον δὲ κρύψαι τὸ συγγενὲς ἦθος—

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TO ALFRED TENNYSON,

POET LAUREATE.

Your honour'd name, dear Friend, unask'd,
I set before my pages :
While for the grace-conferring theft
Free grace my heart presages.

Should verse of mine, I oft had thought,
Dare plead for public trial,
No private patron I would seek,
Nor risk a proud denial.

Yet as before th' impartial judge
In open court I venture,
Some natural fears will force their way ;
Some dread of sovereign censure.

I turn a suppliant gaze on you :
A judge, if any, royal :
A soul in friendship and in song
Proved pure and brave and loyal.

I seek not your just-balanced praise ;
Your arm from foes to shield me :
I hold you judge in last resort,
And to your verdict yield me.

When to the Gods our prayers we bring,
'Tis with their names we grace them :
I dedicate the songs to you,
As on your knees I place them.

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