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### SOMETHING TO LOVE.

Though Fortune with prodigal hand may enrich us,  
Though Fame fling before us her laurels and flowers,  
Though Pleasure's charmed cup of sweet wine may bewitch us,  
And Fate seem to yield us her rarest of dowers ;  
Yet, yet there's a treasure no gold mine can win us  
A chaplet that Glory alone never wove ;  
There's a Joy that no nectar can stir up within us—  
The soul-crowning blessing of something to love.

Even gems may be worn till the temples are aching ;  
And seek in repose the soft poppy-leaf spell ;  
But the slumber will end in a weary awaking,  
Unless the fond heart has been pillowed as well.  
Though the plumes of the peacock and eagle allure us ;  
Yet, still we shall find that the ooze of the dove—  
True and tender—must dwell in the nest to assure us  
That *there* is our home—where there's something to love.

Let my pathway be lowly—I ask no election  
To fill the high places Ambition may crave ;  
But give me the light of the life-star, Affection,  
Whose hallowed beams only can set in the grave.  
For the kindest, the blindest to faults in a brother,  
The nearest and dearest to Him that's above,  
Is the heart full of trust, that can cherish another,  
And find Heaven's foretaste in something to love.

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