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"I am for the House with the Narrow Gate, which I take to be too little for pomp to enter. Some that humble themselves, may." Ail's Well That Ends Well.

> "Non la ci tolse qualità di gelo, Nè di calor, siccome l'altre face, Ma sola fu sua gran benignitate." La Vita Nuova.

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WE lead the blind by voice and hand, And not by light they cannot see; We are not framed to understand The How and Why of such as He;

But natured only to rejoice At every sound or sign of hope, And, guided by the still small voice, In patience through the darkness grope;

Until our finer sense expands, And we exchange for holier sight The earthly help of voice and hands, And in His light behold the Light.

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#### I

i

LET there be Light ! The self-same Power That out of formless dark and void Endued with life's mysterious dower Planet, and star, and asteroid ;

#### ii

That moved upon the waters' face, And, breathing on them His intent, Divided, and assigned their place To, ocean, air, and firmament;

#### iii

That bade the land appear, and bring Forth herb and leaf, both fruit and flower, Cattle that graze, and birds that sing, Ordained the sunshine and the shower;