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From the sketch by

Mortimer Menpes, R.I.

Yours very truly

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His landmark is a kopje-crest
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And these no more will need the sun:
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