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TO RACINE.

*Thou who in objective being rose from realms beyond our thought,
Shone upon this plane of seeming with the glory thou hadst brought,
Lived the full life of the senses ; loved and sorrowed, sang and wept ;
Till the outward form resolving he—the Ego—went, or slept,
What is man but force imprisoned—rhythmic, circling, beating, blood—
And his heart a tide that's bounded—whisp'ring ebb, resounding flood !
Far away we catch the echo, sounding down the gorge of time,
Breaking in sonorous cadence, pulsing with its thought sublime.
Then in deep subjective being mystic voices seem to ring :
Ha ! 'tis but the heart strings quiver when they feel the Master sing.*



PERSONS REPRESENTED.

AHASUERUS, KING OF PERSIA.

ESTHER, QUEEN OF PERSIA.

HAMAN, THE FAVOURITE OF AHASUERUS.

ZERESH, WIFE TO HAMAN.

MORDECAI, UNCLE TO ESTHER.

THE MOTHER OF ZERESH.

FIRST FRIEND }
SECOND FRIEND } TO HAMAN.

COURT CHAMBERLAIN.

MAIDEN IN ATTENDANCE ON ESTHER.

Courtiers, Maidens, Guards, and Populace.

The Scene is laid in Susa in the Reign of AHASUERUS

(XERXES, 485—465 B.C.)