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The Heavens and the Earth, and all that is between
them, think ye we have created them in jest!

—THE KORAN

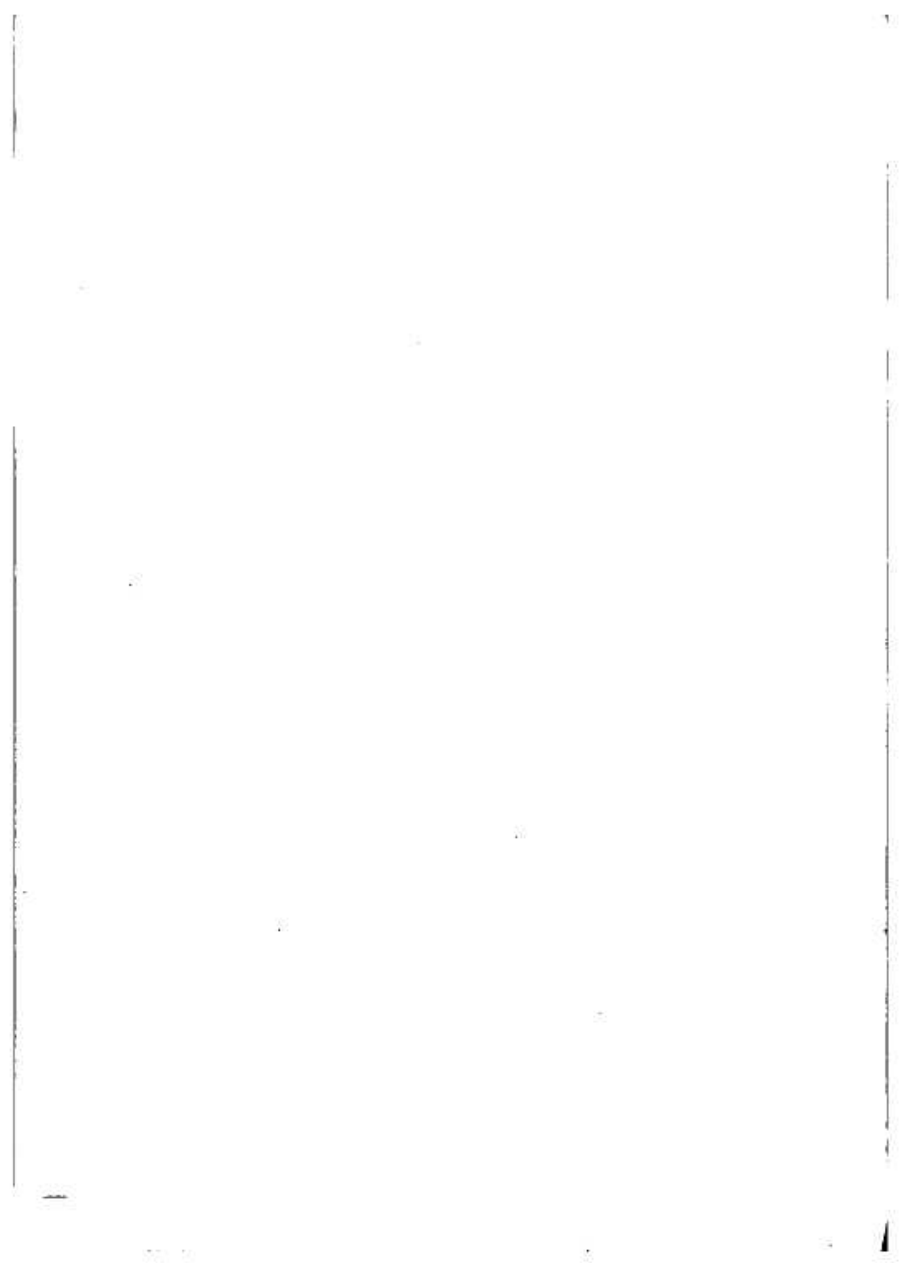
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Dedication

*Ye gave me life and will for life to crave:
Desires for mighty suns, or high, or low,
For moons mysterious over cliffs of snow,
For the wild foam upon the midsea wave;
Swift joy in freeman, swift contempt for slave;
Thought which would bind and name the stars and know;
Passion that chastened in mine overthrow;
And speech, to justify my life, ye gave.*

*Life of my life, this late return of song
I give to you before the close of day;
Life of your life! which everlasting wrong
Shall have no power to baffle or betray,
O father, mother! — for ye watched so long,
Ye loved so long, and I was far away.*



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