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To A. W. R.

*As to a living spirit, which no grave
Can mark the compass of— this life you gave,
These fadeless flowers, these carven lines I bring:
Accept this votive, living offering.*

*And an old man appeared out of the dusk,
With the odor of twilight and a forgotten charm,
And lured me away o'er the transient seas
That moved as the hills of the earth.
I forgot then my name and my destiny,
But my name and my destiny followed afar
Crying, "Follow the old man with the white hair,
And we follow with thee."
"Who is the old man with the white hair?" said my dream,
And my name and my destiny answered and said,
"Oh, he is the father of Muses and Norns,
The father of even Apollo."
So forgetting my name and my destiny,
These forgot not, but moved over the transient seas,
And I found them at last where the pale moon in water
Endures till the tablets of earth are no more.*

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