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"If my bark sinks, 't is to another sea."

PHILADELPHIA AND CONCORD
JAMES H. BENTLEY
1902

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Dear Reader ! if my verse could say
How in my blood that Nature runs
Which manifesteth no decay—
The fire that lights a thousand suns ;
How thou and I are freely lent
A little of that element :

If I could say what landscape says,
And human pictures say far more—
If I could twine the sunny days
With the rich colors on the floor
Of daily Love—how thou and I
Might be refreshed with charity !

How grateful is the softened smile
Of winter sunset o'er the snow !
And blessed is our spheral isle
That through the unknown void must go ;
The current of that stream is sweet
Where many waters closely meet.

The reader is indebted for this volume to two friends of poesy and admirers of Channing's verse, James H. Bentley and Henry S. Borneman of Philadelphia, who in the summer of 1861 proposed to Mr. Channing and the editor the publication of such a volume at their expense. The poet accepted the generous proposal, and the editor undertook to make the selections, chiefly from the published volumes. But by the bequest of Mr. Channing he became the owner of his manuscripts and revised editions, and has made much use of both those sources in this work.

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