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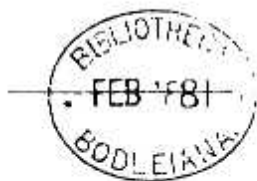
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## RIPENING MANHOOD.

Have the old blossoms dwindled—is the past  
Become one distant ever-lessening dream,  
Fast-lessening like some vessel's tapering mast  
Seen over wide waves of the ocean-stream ?  
Must passion's joys no more be song's sweet theme ?  
Are all Love's tender rosebuds waxing white ?  
And is the gold past but a silver gleam  
Soon to shade gently into utter night,  
Soon to be known but by one threadbare beam ?  
Is such Love's piteous, unmeasured plight  
Now that Death's feet e'en at life's doorway seem ?  
Are all the summers fluttering out of sight  
With bird-like widespread tense sarcastic wings ?  
Is such the message ripening manhood brings ?

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