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Thou Primal Love, who grantest wings  
And voices to the woodland birds,  
Grant me the power of saying things  
Too simple and too sweet for words !

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IN A WOOD.

"I WAS when the spousal time of May  
Hangs all the hedge with bridal wreaths,  
And air's so sweet the bosom gay  
Gives thanks for every breath it breathes,  
When like to like is gladly moved,  
And each thing joins in Spring's refrain,  
"Let those love now who never loved ;  
Let those who have loved love again ;"  
That I, in whom the sweet time wrought,  
Lay stretch'd within a lonely glade,  
Abandon'd to delicious thought  
Beneath the softly twinkling shade,  
The leaves, all stirring, mimick'd well  
A neighbouring rush of rivers cold,  
And, as the sun or shadow fell,  
So these were green and those were gold ;