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TO ONE WHO HAS PASSED ON.

WHERE thou art gone, in that fair land of song,
How canst thou care for faltering phrase of
mine?

The everlasting poesy is thine,
Of souls supreme among the immortal throng;
Thou canst not want for words both sweet and
strong,

Where they who gave us the Pierian wine
Themselves have drunken deep the draught
divine,
And conned a universe for centuries long.

And yet, so were thine ears attuned with love,
Thou couldst detect through my most labored
speech

The inmost soul of what I longed to say.
And if thou art not yet beyond my reach,
Thy quickened soul may catch in my poor lay
Some accent of the harmonies above.

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