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*To my Wife*  
*Florence*





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## PAESTUM.

STILL, Paestum, on thy lonely shore  
The long waves break. Ah would, once more,  
Out of that ocean's foam  
The great sea-god might come,  
Now, as of yore !

Here on thy plain of shifting sands  
This shrine, the first that mortal hands  
Built by the Western sea,  
Full of strange mystery,  
All silent, stands.

Thy temple builders all are gone ;  
Darkly the Western sea rolls on :  
Still, in this flower-strewn space  
Of grass, thy temples face  
East, and the dawn.

Thy worshippers are fast asleep,  
And, where thy city was, the sheep  
Feed midst those strange, pale flowers,  
Which through thy dreaming hours  
Their long watch keep.