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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 coned 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.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial data. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses and income.

The second part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the company's financial performance over the past year. It includes a comparison of actual results against budgeted figures, highlighting areas of both strength and weakness. The analysis shows that while sales have exceeded expectations, operating expenses have also increased significantly, leading to a narrower profit margin than anticipated.

The third part of the document outlines the company's strategic goals for the upcoming year. It focuses on increasing market share, improving operational efficiency, and reducing costs. Key initiatives include launching new products, expanding into new markets, and implementing a lean manufacturing process. The document also discusses the necessary investments in research and development and marketing to support these goals.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the company's overall financial health and a forecast for the future. It notes that despite the challenges, the company remains well-positioned for long-term success, provided it continues to execute its strategy effectively. The financial statements are presented in the following pages, providing a clear and concise overview of the company's financial position.

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