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DEDICATED  
TO THE MEMORY OF MY  
BROTHER FREDERICK ELY  
WHO DIED  
JANUARY 27, 1911.

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*Yours truly*  
*Charles C. Ely*

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**INSPIRATION**

Drink of the Gods from fields Parnassian brought!  
 A message to the soul sublime with thought.  
 Invigorating draught! Celestial fare!  
 That wakes the soul to thoughts and feelings rare!  
 Thy name suggests a visitation bright;  
 Thy coming is the soul's supernal light;  
 Thy presence is the soul's supremest height;  
 An elevated thought, a bright conception,  
 A subtle prompting or a new perception,  
 An impulse, motive, fancy, or desire,  
 Enkindled by Enthusiasm's fire.  
 Who can this holy Presence entertain,  
 But one of quickened feelings and high aim,  
 Who at some fount Castalian may dwell,  
 And drink the Muse's soul within her dell?  
 May any by this power be uplifted,  
 Save one who with creative soul is gifted?  
 In art, or verse, or song, or speech sublime,  
 Who does not with deep feeling truth combine?  
 They only may high Inspiration claim  
 Who have enlightened souls to catch the flame;  
 And hearts attuned to Nature's harmonies,  
 That they may catch Her subtle melodies.

IMAGINATION

By its creative force, with Nature, Truth,  
And Reason guides, Imagination deep,  
The primal power of the soul, fills all  
The space beyond things known; constructs from what  
Now is that which shall be; essays Great God  
Himself; annihilates both time and space,  
And turns into new forms those things that are;  
And from life's varied scenes, from Memory's  
Deep labyrinths, new worlds creates, more bright  
And filled with hopes attained, and joy and love;  
The Architect supreme of man's desires.  
Here then indeed the Soul doth find strong wings  
To rise above the common thought, and join  
In sweet accord time present and to come;  
And in extreme degrees of new delights  
Lives in a higher and a grander light,  
The mental sight by which the Soul sees God,  
And in her prayer communion holds with Him:  
Or region, the antipodes of bliss,  
This power creates, where pain unending tries  
The soul diseased, ungrateful, unredeemed.