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TO MY WIFE

*Beloved, if what I sing  
Has in it chords of worth,  
Has notes to which there cling  
The sweetness of the earth;*

*And if within it lies  
The shadow of a gleam,  
That shows I sought to rise  
To some diviner theme;—*

*Then let me weave this thong  
To link you to my art,  
For was not every song  
First sheltered in your heart?*

Written in 1870

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