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*"Because I am in love with Love,
And the sole thing I hate is Hate."*
—Longfellow.

*"I count life just a stuff
To try the soul's strength on."*
—Browning.

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I DREAMED the statue of a god
Stood high in every market-place,
That all who thither toiling trod
Might see the beauty of a face
Noble, and freed in every trace
From want, from selfishness, from sin.
Yet seemed it of the human race,
Nor wholly difficult to win.

Indeed, thrice daily, morn, noon, night,
To all the hurriers to and fro
Each statue spake: "The Cosmos bright,
Each gracious force, above, below,
Earth's possibilities but show!
Man can attain whate'er he feels;
Up to the heights 'tis yours to go;
Your gods are but your high ideals."

Is this the Vision of the Race?
This its high nobleness of heart?
Be ours to win that finer grace,
Ours to do valiantly our part!
Thus from the race's ranks shall start
The sonship truly of the Best,
And LOVE's divine and perfect art
Henceforth be man's redeeming quest.

TRANSFIGURATIONS.