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Ἐπιτὸν γὰρ οὐδαμῶς ἐστὶν ὡς ἄλλα μαθήματα, ἀλλ' ἐκ πολλῆς
συνουσίας γιγνομένης περὶ τὸ πρῶγμα αὐτὸ καὶ τοῦ συζῆν
ἐξαίφνης οἷον ἀπὸ πυρὸς κηδήσαντος ἐξαφθὲν φῶς ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ
γενόμενον αὐτὸ ἐαυτὸ ἤδη τρέφει.—PLATO, *Epist.* vii.

These matters cannot be communicated in words as other
sciences are. Out of repeated debates on them, and much
social intercourse, there is kindled suddenly a light in the
mind, as from fire bursting forth, which, when once gener-
ated, keeps itself alive.—GROZE'S Translation.

Then sight, or that which to the soul is sight,
As by a lightning-flash, will come to thee.

—*The Dream of Gerontius.*

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MY BELOVED WIFE

WITH THE HUMBLE PRAYER

THAT THE AIM OF THIS ESSAY MAY BE WORTHY OF
HER INSPIRING LOVE AND HELP

THOSE happy she, that is so well assured
Vnto her selfe and settled so in hart :
that nether will for better be allured,
ne feard with worse to any chaunce to start,
But like a steddy ship doth strongly part
the raging waues, and keepes her course aright :
Most happy she that most assured doth rest,
but he most happy who such one loues best.

—SPENSER.

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