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TO MY WIFE.

To her I met in manhood's dawn,
And seeing gave my soul in love;
To her by whom I then was drawn
With mystic notes of cooing dove:

To her who fill'd my trancèd eye,
A vision of the higher light,
And brought the radiant Heavens anigh,
And vocal made the stilly night:

To her whose form of maiden grace
Did waft my thought to Eden's streams,
And gave this Earth its olden face
When Eve with angels talk'd in dreams;

And drew from shining Worlds afar
A life deep wed to love and song;
Where silent is all storm of war,
And Music walks the summer long:

To her to whom I join'd my life,
As stream that seeks deep Ocean's tide ;
And bound her to my heart as wife,
To cross as one Earth's desert wide :

To her as interfused in thought,
And mingled more in fount of fire,
These songs are given as texture wrought
By pulsing sweetness of her lyre.

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