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"Laurel crowns cleare to deserts,
And power to him who power exerts.
Hast not thy share? On winged feet,
Lo; it rushes thee to meet;
And all that Nature made thy own.
Floating in air or pent in stone,
Will rive the hills and seein the sea,
And, like thy shadow, follow thee."
—Ralpi Walto Emerson.

SECOND THOUSAND, REVISED.

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The subtle link of mind to mind —
The link we do not forge and bind,
Most precious is; —
We mine — not make — the golden ore,
And love, like fabled fairy store,
Divided, is not less but more,
And true love hath no jealousies.

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TO MY MOTHER.

Thou type of noblest Womanhood!

Thou who in manhood's evil day,

As by the couch of infancy,

Still faithful stood;

Unfaltering, and with purpose strong,

Rebuking all the hosts of wrong,

With "Love is more than gift of song,"

And "Virtue is the highest good,"

Oh would these wildwood flowers for thee
Were robed in Beauty's charm and bloom,
Made rich with every rare perfume
Of Poesy;
With every grace of heart and mind,
With Woman in all reverence shrined;
In part repaying so in kind
A debt as boundless as the sea.

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