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TO
SAXTON AND MOLLIE

*Ah, there are many average men,
And all so good and bad, like you,
And all so bad and good, like me;
And all so false and all so true,
So full of joy and misery —
Should not a poet now and then
Make songs to glad these average men?*

*Look in the hearts of average men, —
The tragedies of doom are there;
And comedies of glad delight,
And hopeless wailings of despair, —
And hopes and sorrows infinite —
Shall not a poet now and then
Look in the hearts of average men?*

*Look in the lives of average men —
The baby lulled by cradle songs,
The hopeful youth serenely brave,
The toiler in the toiling throngs,
The coffin at the open grave —
May not a poet now and then
Reveal these lives of average men?*

