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To the Memory of
THE LATE
JOSEPH HITT
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

We used to say: "A poet's trick!
For rhymes inscribed 'In Memory',
Mean just the rhymester's vanity"
And would your eyebrow twitch at this,
With your old winsome railery?

You taught me how to think; to see,
To fix the forms that to and fro
Across the mind's proscenium go;
You taught me how to write; 'tis not
Your fault I have not written so.

You taught me how to live; you showed
Defeat a man that never quailed;
And with blithe lips that never paled
You flouted Pain. O Heart of Gold,
'Tis not your fault if I have failed!

You taught me how to die; when Death
Moved in between us, mute and grim,
You smiled and made a friend of him . . .
God grant to us a smile like yours
When the blurred day lessens and grows dim!

And should this seem a stark parade
Of such a bond as mine and thine,
Forgive this boastful heart of mine
That begs it to the crowd, because
I love our names to interwine.

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