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Prologue.

TO THE BELOVED.

MY holy love of many names,
Whose face I have not seen,
With rosy dews and subtle flames
Anointed for a queen.

Ganore, Lucilla, Amalie,
Queen, orphan, anchoress,
As you are lovely, pardon me
Who mar your loveliness.

Though you have sweeter names, I know,
For holier lips to sing,
On me too sometimes deign to throw
The shadow of a wing.

I never have had long to look
When you were passing by,
Along the hawthorn-scented brook,
Athwart the evening sky.

I only catch, from far away,
Between the day and night,
Now here, now there, a single ray
From all your "world of light;"

Yet you are sweeter than the day,
And brighter than the sun,
And, whatsoever weak lips say,
The spirit owns thee one.

You seem to sin, but you are pure ;
You seem to fall, but stand ;
Your throne of opal shall endure
Upon the King's right-hand.

Yet you are not a saint, I think,
For if this life were sweet,
You would not ask for gall to drink,
Or thorns to wound your feet.