

“THE TWO MINDS.”

“THEY SHALL BE NO MORE TWAIN, BUT ONE
FLESH.”

WELL have I said, “O God, Thou art, alone,
In many forms and faces manifest!
Thou, stronger than the universe, Thy throne!
Thou, calm in strength as the sea’s heart at rest!”
But I have also answered: “Let the groan
Of this Thy world reach up to Thee, and wrest
Thy bloody sceptre: let the wild winds own
Man’s lordship, and obey at his behest!”

Man has two minds: the first beholding all,
As from a centre to the endless end:
The second reaches from the outer wall,
And seeks the centre. This I comprehend.
But in the first: “I can—but what is worth?”
And in the second: “I am dust and earth!”