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And far away their tumults cease.
Within the twilight of the heart
We bathe in peace, are stilled with peace.

The fire that slew us through the day
For angry deed or sin or sense
Now is the star and homeward ray
To us who bow in penitence.

We kiss the lips of bygone pain
And find a secret sweet in them :
The thorns once dripped with shadowy rain
Are bright upon each diadem.

Ceases the old pathetic strife.
The struggle with the scarlet sin :
The mad enchanted laugh of life
Tempt not the soul that sees within.

No riotous and fairy song
Allures the prodigals who bow
Within the home of law, and throng
Before the mystic Father now.

Where faces of the elder years.
High souls absolved from grief and sin.
Leaning from out ancestral spheres
Beckon the wounded spirit in.