

Rang loudest  
On the Heavenly fame - 40

And were You - saved -  
And I - condemned to be  
Where You were not  
That self - were Hell to me -

So we must meet apart - 45  
You there - I - here -  
With just the Door ajar  
That Oceans are - and Prayer -  
And that White Sustenance -  
Despair - 50

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My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun -  
In Corners - till a Day  
The Owner passed - identified -  
And carried Me away -

And now We roam in Sovereign Woods - 5  
And now We hunt the Doe -  
And every time I speak for Him  
The Mountains straight reply -

And do I smile, such cordial light  
Upon the Valley glow - 10  
It is as a Vesuvian<sup>1</sup> face  
Had let it's pleasure through

And when at Night - Our good Day done -  
I guard My Master's Head -  
'Tis better than the Eider Duck's 15  
Deep Pillow - to have shared -

To foe of His - I'm deadly foe -  
None stir the second time -  
On whom I lay a Yellow Eye -  
Or an emphatic Thumb - 20

Though I than He - may longer live  
He longer must - than I -  
For I have but the power to kill,  
Without - the power to die -

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1. Reference to Mount Vesuvius, the active volcano in southern Italy that destroyed Pompeii (79 C.E.).