

## QUATRAINS

I

**L**IFE as it is! Accept it; it is thine!  
The God that gave it, gave it for thy good.  
The God that made it had not been divine  
Could he have set thee poison for thy food.

II

Abstain not; Life and Love, like night and day,  
Offer themselves to us on their own terms,  
— Not ours. Accept their bounty while ye may,  
Before we be accepted by the worms.

III

We rail at Time and Chance, and break our  
hearts  
To make the glory of to-day endure.  
Is the sun dead because the day departs?  
And are the suns of Life and Love less sure?

IV

Fear not the menace of the bye-and-bye.  
To-day is ours; to-morrow Fate must give.  
Stretch out your hands and eat, although ye  
die!  
Better to die than never once to live.

## THE ADVENTURERS

**W**E are adventurers who come  
Before the merchants and the priests;  
Our only legacy from home,  
A wisdom older than the East's.