

a message to deliver, and he delivered it in the most effective forms at his command. Stevenson had his message, too, and uttered it right memorably. If the message had to be put in a few words, they would be these : *Good my soul, be Brave !* He was bold enough to call Tennyson a Son of Joy, but he would have assented with all his soul to Tennyson's lines :

And here the singer for his art
Not all in vain may plead ;
The song that nerves the nation's heart
Is in itself a deed.