

# CLEOPA

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In beauteous, glowing worlds on high,  
The gems in azure space that shine, *ex*  
There may be beings that often sigh  
For orbs more bright and more divine,  
And they may feel, though grand their  
sphere,

It may not thus to them appear.  
Like mortals they might wish for change:  
'T would be more beautiful though strange,  
And they may think their only light  
Flows down on them from worlds more  
bright,

And fancy as they often see  
Our earth just like a brilliant star,  
Illuming wide that it must be  
A region of felicity,  
A home where radiant spirits are,  
From which they get each genial ray  
That lights them on their lonely way ;  
Where happy creatures day by day  
Spend lives of bliss, and where no night  
Can bid splendence flee away,  
Or days' effulgence take its flight.  
Where flowers with perfume fill the air  
As if their bloom would never fade  
While music murmurs everywhere  
On roseate hills, in groves' soft shade  
Where all of peace that man can know,  
Or all that love can e'er reveal,

Or all that beauty can bestow,  
Brings ecstasy each one can feel,  
Where nought can virtue ever crush,  
Or evil bring a dread or fear,  
Or cause the modest cheek to blush,  
Or start a single sigh or tear ;  
Where morn, and noon, and eve, and night  
To all alike fresh pleasures bring,  
Each change exalting pure delight,  
Each soul 'mid beauty wandering,  
No need of Hope, its pinions here  
Are never plumed by fresh desire,  
Just as no rainbow will appear  
When skies look bright or clouds retire ;  
No anxious hour, no dread of Care,  
No doubts with ev'ry passing breath,  
But sublime beauty everywhere,  
And life that never ends in death.

'Twas thus such beings may have thought  
Of earth as being a paradise,  
As it might be if men had tried  
To make the common good their pride,  
But could such gentle souls be brought  
To leave their own celestial home,  
And mark the sin, and shame, and vice  
Where nowhere else 'neath heaven's dome,  
Except perhaps on earth alone,  
Is found with ev'ry foul device,