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But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the
veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless, when it
shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
—St. Paul.

I saw them in their synagogue as in their
ancient day,
And never from my memory the scene shall
fade away;
For dazzling on my vision still the latticed
galleries shine
With Israel's loveliest daughters, in their beauty
half divine.

It is the holy Sabbath eve; the solitary light
Sheds, mingling with the hues of day, a lustre
nothing bright;
On swarthy brow and piercing glance it falls
with saddening tinge,
And dimly gilds the Pharisees phylacteries and
fringe.

The two-leaved doors slide slow apart before
the Eastern screen,
As rise the Hebrew harmonies, with chanted
prayers between;