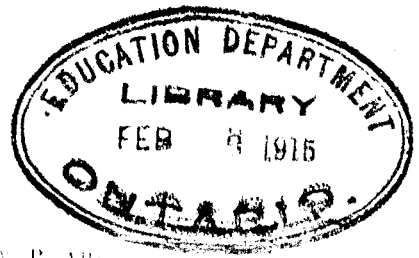


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My mind to me a kingdom is ;
Such present joys therein I find,
That it excels all other bliss
That earth affords or grows by kind :
Though much I want which most would have
Yet still my mind forbids to crave.

Some have too much, yet still do crave ;
I little have, and seek no more.
They are but poor though much they have,
And I am rich with little store ;
They poor, I rich ; They beg, I give ;
They lack, I leave ; They pine, I live.

I laugh not at another's loss,
I grudge not at another's gain ;
No worldly woes my mind can toss ;
My state at one doth still remain :
I fear no foe, I faun no friend :
I loath not life, nor dread my end.

—*Sir E. Dyer*

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