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THE FUTURE

Once again, and more generally than in the earlier Renaissance, men will be seized with the desire to make beautiful things and to say beautiful things, poets of the hand and poets of the tongue. What wealth then shall be ours?

Nay, what save the lovely city, and the little house on the hill,
And the wastes and the woodland beauty, and the happy fields we till;
And the homes of ancient stories, the tombs of the mighty dead;
And the wise men seeking out marvels, and the poet's teeming head;
And the painter's hand of wonder; and the marvelous fiddle-bow,
And the banded choirs of music; all those that do and know.
For all these shall be ours and all men's; nor shall any lack a share
Of the toil and the gain of living in the days when the world grows fair.