

Recall the angers, bickerings, delusions, superstitions, of the
idea of caste,
Recall the bloody cruelties and crimes.

Anticipate the best women ;
I say an unnumbered new race of hardy and well-defined women
are to spread through all These States,
I say a girl fit for These States must be free, capable, dauntless,
just the same as a boy.

Anticipate your own life—retract with merciless power,
Shirk nothing—retract in time—Do you see those errors, dis-
eases, weaknesses, lies, thefts?

Do you see that lost character?—Do you see decay, consump-
tion, rum-drinking, dropsy, fever, mortal cancer or in-
flammation? 20

Do you see death, and the approach of death?



THINK OF THE SOUL.

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membrance," that part being discarded in the 1870 edition.

THINK of the Soul ;
I swear to you that body of yours gives proportions to your Soul
somehow to live in other spheres ;
I do not know how, but I know it is so.

Think of loving and being loved ;
I swear to you, whoever you are, you can interfuse yourself with
such things that everybody that sees you shall look long-
ingly upon you.

Think of the past ;
I warn you that in a little while others will find their past in you
and your times.

The race is never separated—nor man nor woman escapes ;
All is inextricable—things, spirits, Nature, nations, you too—
from precedents you come.

Recall the ever-welcome defiers, (The mothers precede
them ;) 10
Recall the sages, poets, saviors, inventors, lawgivers, of the
earth ;