

A WISH

All that is best I wish for thee:
A mind from doubt and bias free,
A heart estranged from fear, a will
To wrestle with defeat and ill;

A purpose firm, a standard high,
A vision quickened to descry
The latent good in humankind,
The worth of natures unrefined;

A friend forever staunch, a dream
To charm thee when days darkest seem,
A love of beauty, and the sense
That life will yield its recompense.