The listless and the weary Drown their deep encumbered wrongs In the zephyrs of the woodland And its warbler's happy songs; The valiant and ambitious, Who earthly fame would reach, Commune with roaring billows As they break upon the beach. The canopy of Heaven Has many a beacon light To cheer the struggling mortal Who seeks the God of night: As morning's mellow sunlight Floods the storied Eastern plain Each pious heart is wakened To Devotion's cheering strain, Or its genial rays when fading Along the crimsoned sky Proclaim to ardent lovers That the trysting hour is nigh; In the lightning and the tempest The sceptic's faith does pale: Of tenets that are worthless How quick the votaries quail; Each object thus in nature Declaims in wisdom's way And a plaintive cadence ever Is breathing of decay, Which in walking with the worldly Should bar our craving taste