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~~these~~ And are these not, Laska
you, the qualities which we
have secretly been most
admiring, are these not the
features which we see the
~~most~~ best portrayed, ~~the~~
Devotion which has defied the
storms of winter chill of wintry
nights, or sultriest summer's
sun, Love, which would make
her share our deepest sorrow,
or bear our heaviest shame,
Sacrifice, of time & money we
will not speak, but of days
& years themselves ~~to be~~ comparable
only to the joyfulness of heart
& will with which they were
given. "Virtue is its own reward"
with such an immortal truth

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