

WALT WHITMAN



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Oannes, Lord of wisdom, time and toil,
The Word in man, incarnate, evermore,
Name above all, Amen, on Nilus' shore,
None other under heaven on Christian soil,
In India OM, from Whom the worlds uncoil,
The Shepherd Krishna's Song, blind
Homer's Lore,
Gautama's Secret, and His Love who bore
The Cross, annointed King with David's oil:
These of the Elder Brethren dwelt on earth.
And, God becoming man, raised Man
to God—
God-voices calling Peace from age to age.
And later came, through the strait gate of birth
The World-Word, by sea-sand and
prairie sod,
With Leaves of Grass, simplicity most
sage.