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THE VISION OF YOUTH.

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YOUTH is often, I fear oftenest, the period of most fervid enthusiasms. It shrinks instinctively from baseness, from servility, from injustice. Let the tale be told of cruelty and oppression; the young spirit burns with generous indignation and spontaneous sympathy. Let the prophecy be announced of a brighter epoch, of freedom and of peace descending in a new baptism on the crushed heart of humanity; the spirit, if unperverted by falsehoods of education and society, leaps forth with jubilant echo to greet the glad future. Selfish pursuits have not yet clouded its vision. Cold words and colder deeds, the bitter sneer and the boast of pride, and the hatred or neglect of the world, have not yet frozen into the flowing life. Noble attempts have not yet been baffled by the oppositions of men, associates it may be, nay, bosom friends. These come later; and too often the fervent youth passes into the icy man; the flowering enthusiasm