

O the village or place which has the greatest man or woman !
 even if it be only a few ragged huts ;
 O the city where women walk in public processions in the streets,
 the same as the men ;
 O a wan and terrible emblem, by me adopted !
 O shapes arising ! shapes of the future centuries !
 O muscle and pluck forever for me ! 30
 O workmen and workwomen forever for me !
 O farmers and sailors ! O drivers of horses forever for me !
 O I will make the new bardic list of trades and tools !
 O you coarse and wilful ! I love you !
 O South ! O longings for my dear home ! O soft and sunny airs !
 O pensive ! O I must return where the palm grows and the mock-
 ing-bird sings, or else I die !
 O equality ! O organic compacts ! I am come to be your born
 poet !
 O whirl, contest, sounding and resounding ! I am your poet, be-
 cause I am part of you ;
 O days by-gone ! Enthusiasts ! Antecedents !
 O vast preparations for These States ! O years ! 40
 O what is now being sent forward thousands of years to come !
 O mediums ! O to teach ! to convey the invisible faith !
 To promulge real things ! to journey through all The States !
 O creation ! O to-day ! O laws ! O unmitigated adoration !
 O for mightier broods of orators, artists, and singers !
 O for native songs ! carpenter's, boatman's, ploughman's songs !
 shoemaker's songs !
 O haughtiest growth of time ! O free and extatic !
 O what I, here, preparing, warble for !
 O you hastening light ! O the sun of the world will ascend,
 dazzling, and take his height—and you too will ascend ;
 O so amazing and so broad ! up there resplendent, darting and
 burning ; 50
 O prophetic ! O vision staggered with weight of light ! with
 pouring glories !
 O copious ! O hitherto unequalled !
 O Libertad ! O compact ! O union impossible to dis sever !
 O my Soul ! O lips becoming tremulous, powerless !
 O centuries, centuries yet ahead !
 O voices of greater orators ! I pause—I listen for you
 O you States ! Cities ! defiant of all outside authority ! I spring
 at once into your arms ! you I most love !
 O you grand Presidentiads ! I wait for you !