

THE CROWNING TEST. 1

Or gladly visible to all God's children?  
Yes, and familiar, friend commerce with friend?

*Adam.*

I see them, Eva—but they mingle not.  
Meddle not with activities of life.  
Its many offices have felt no shock  
Virtue and peace and love walk on together.  
Goodness is paramount, sin hides with shame.

*Eve.*

Adam, a sabbath rest most rich and golden  
When the grim bale that stalked before the flood  
Shall sink in shame and nevermore be seen.  
But why thus hidden from the saints on earth?

*Adam.*

The tangible and spiritual worlds,  
Long just in touch, must still distinct remain.  
No intercourse, restricted or familiar,  
No specious interspersion, can occur.  
Both being kingdoms under special laws:  
Fixt and unalterable will remain.