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Great is the Earth, and the way it became what it is ;
 Do you imagine it has stopt at this? the increase abandon'd ?
 Understand then that it goes as far onward from this, as this is
 from the times when it lay in covering waters and gases,
 before man had appear'd.¹ 20

Great is the quality of Truth in man ;
 The quality of truth in man supports itself through all changes,
 It is inevitably in the man—he and it are in love, and never
 leave each other.

The truth in man is no dictum, it is vital as eyesight ;
 If there be any Soul, there is truth—if there be man or woman
 there is truth—if there be physical or moral, there is
 truth ;
 If there be equilibrium or volition, there is truth—if there be
 things at all upon the earth, there is truth.

O truth of the earth ! I am determin'd to press my way toward
 you ;²
 Sound your voice ! I scale mountains, or dive in the sea after
 you.

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Great is Language—it is the mightiest of the sciences,
 It is the fulness, color, form, diversity of the earth, and of men
 and women, and of all qualities and processes ; 30
 It is greater than wealth—it is greater than buildings, ships, re-
 ligions, paintings, music.

Great is the English speech—what speech is so great as the
 English ?
 Great is the English brood—what brood has so vast a destiny as
 the English ?
 It is the mother of the brood that must rule the earth with the
 new rule ;
 The new rule shall rule as the Soul rules, and as the love, justice,
 equality in the Soul rule.

¹ "before man had appear'd" added in 1860.

² 1855 '56 read "O truth of the earth ! O truth of things ! I am determined
 to press my whole way toward you." 1860 '67 read "O truth of the earth !
 O truth of things ! I am determined to press my way toward you."