Children
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(1807-1882)

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Come to me, O ye children!

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And whisper in my ear
What the birds and the winds are singing

In your sunny atmosphere
What the birds and the winds are singing

Come to me, O ye children!
Whisper in my ear

In your hearts are birds and sunshine,
In your thoughts the brooklet's flow,

But in mine is wind of Autumn

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and the first fall of the snow. For what are all our con-

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triv-ings, And wisdom of our books,

When compared with your ca-

res-ses, And glad-ness of your
looks? When compared with your caresses,

And gladness of your look?

Ye are
better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said; For

ye are living poems, And all the rest are dead,

For ye are living poems,
And all the rest are dead.

(Slow)  (unison)  pp

come to me O ye children,
And whisper in my ear.

Whisper