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TO MY DEAR FRIEND
MRS. TALBOT
WHOSE HEART IS IN THE LAKE COUNTRY
I DEDICATE THESE SKETCHES

“Wisdom and Spirit of the universe!
Thou Soul that art the eternity of thought
That givest to forms and images a breath
And everlasting motion, not in vain
By day or star-light thus from my first dawn
Of childhood didst thou intertwine for me
The passions that build up our human soul;
Not with the mean and vulgar works of man,
But with high objects, with enduring things—
With life and nature.”

—*Prelude*, Book I., lines 401-410.

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