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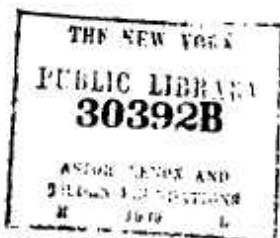
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INVOCATION.

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*Lead me, O Muse, by waters clear and sweet,  
Where tones of liquid harmony arise,  
Where forms of woodland beauty charm my eyes,  
And changing light and shade my glances meet ;  
Lead where my gaze the laughing Dawn may greet,  
Or where the golden glory of the skies  
On Evening's dusky bosom slowly dies,  
And stately Night walks forth with dewy feet.  
Thus guided, I may shun those turgid springs  
Whose waters creep through dark and devious ways,  
And taste the well of undefiled delight ;  
And hearkening unto Nature while she sings,  
My voice at last a worthy song may raise,  
As free as air, and clear as morning light.*