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AUTHOR OF "VOICES FROM THE CROWD," "VOICES FROM THE  
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"La muse est enfant des cités :—  
Et le poète doit être un protestant sublime  
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IN WHOSE PROSE POETRY ARE SO WELL INCULCATED  
THE LOVE OF THE BEAUTIFUL AND THE TRUE, AND THE SENSE  
OF MORAL DIGNITY IN THE HUMBLEST,  
THE FOLLOWING EFFUSIONS,  
ASPIRING TO EFFECT THE SAME OBJECTS,  
ARE DEDICATED,  
WITH THE HIGHEST ADMIRATION AND RESPECT,  
BY HIS VERY SINCERE FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.



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### STREET COMPANIONS.

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WHENE'ER through Gray's Inn porch I stray,  
I meet a spirit by the way;  
He wanders with me all alone,  
And talks with me in under-tone.

The crowd is busy seeking gold,  
It cannot see what I behold ;  
I and the spirit pass along  
Unknown, unnoticed, in the throng.

While on the grass the children run,  
And maids go loitering in the sun,  
I roam beneath the ancient trees,  
And talk with him of mysteries.