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To William McMichael Woodworth

*O! to burst all links of habit—there to wander far
away,
On from island unto island at the gateways of the
day—*

*Larger constellations burning, mellow moons and
happy skies,
Breaths of tropic shade and palms in clusters, knots
of Paradise.*

*Never comes the trader, never floats an European
flag—
Slides the bird o'er lustrous woodland, droops the
trailer from the crag—*

*Droops the heavy-blossomed bower, hangs the heavy-
fruted tree—
Summer isles of Eden lying in dark purple spheres
of sea.*

Locksley Hall.

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*Beautiful Siren, thou whose palm-plumed crest
Gems the horizon like an emerald spray
Plucked from perennial paradise away
And lost forever, yet forever blest!*

*O Summer Isle! the rich sea's rich bequest
Unto her mermen, that with rare display
Meltest the souls of those whose hearts are gray,
Like the warm wave that fawns upon thy breast!*

*Beautiful Siren! Thy voluptuous vales
Invite the weary. As thy raptured guest
The mariner lets hang his mildewed sails
And seeks the fervor of thy full embrace
In bowers whose balm betrays their hiding-place,
Never to rouse from his enchanted rest.*