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I would for take the beaten thoroughfares,
The rutted roads down which the rabble ride;
Behold the byways beckon — unawares —
They seem to whisper, "Come! The world is
wide;
On chartless sees spread your undawated sails

On chartless seas spread your undaunted sails, And fare forth boldly on untravelled trails!"

If Man is truly "master of his fate,"

And the unchallenged "Captain of his soul,"

Perchance the byways and "the Streets called

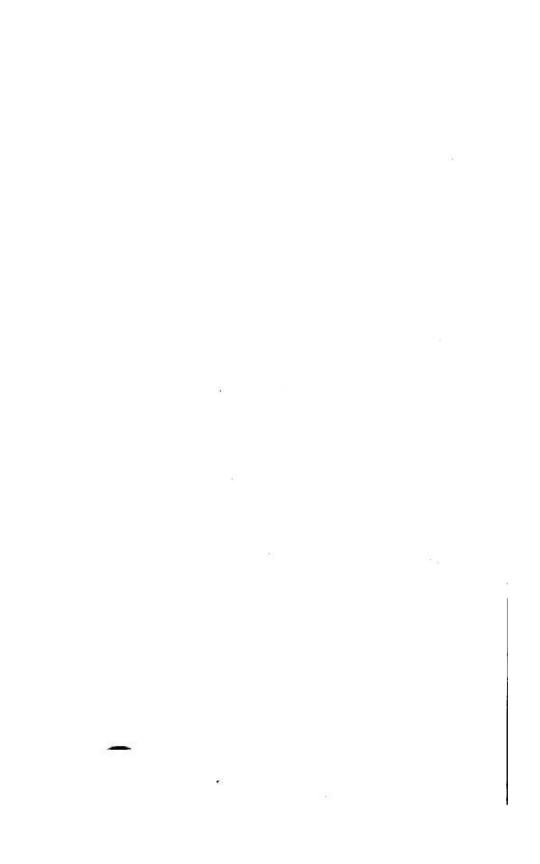
Straight"

May find their ending at the selfsame goal;

I would not deem one pathway orthodox,

So let us leave the busy roads behind,
And seek the bypaths, overgrown with grass,—
Their silence and their solitude are kind;
What matter whether few or many pass!
Each soul must seek, alone, its Holy Grails
By questing bravely on untravelled trails.

And bar all others with unyielding locks.



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