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ADAM

And Adam drew great courage from the world,
 assized his strength by forests, fields that grew
 lush grass—and herds, and by the blue
 sun-swinging heavens a thousand wings unfurled.

And he perceived he was not dust, pale, dry,
 but ruddy with rich rivers running through
 and leaping fish, and he could rise unto
 whatever mountain he might wish to try!

And he sprang to the topmost peak of all
 and stretched his arms forth with a mighty cry:
 "I am by earth, by sky and sea convinced!
 Made in God's image, I stand strong and tall!
 Yea, I am great as God—save only I
 am not so wise as God!" he said. And winced.

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EVE

Slowly, then Eve stirred, opened her eyes
 and saw the darling world curved rich and deep
 with hills and trees around her, and the skies
 —beautiful!—and Adam, near, asleep.

—Most beautiful of all! And sharply dear!
 Eve thought: this is my love and I must keep
 all things for him as I see them here—
 easeful in Eden! Oh, I will lead his sleep
 with singing down to streams! I will employ
 myself in loveliness and all I tell
 shall bring him sweet beneficence and joy.
 I will do to him all things well!

So thought Eve—and with light fingertips
 drew apple bloom across her darling's lips.