

A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM

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Take this kiss upon the brow! _____

And, in parting from you now, _____

Thus much let me avow— _____

You are not wrong, who deem _____

That my days have been a dream: _____

Yet if hope has flown away _____

In a night, or in a day, _____

In a vision or in none, _____

Is it therefore the less gone? _____

All that we see or seem _____

Is but a dream within a dream. _____

I stand amid the roar _____

Of a surf-tormented shore, _____

And I hold within my hand _____

Grains of the golden sand-- _____

How few! yet how they creep _____

Through my fingers to the deep _____

While I weep--while I weep! _____

O God! can I not grasp _____

Them with a tighter clasp? _____

O God! can I not save _____

One from the pitiless wave? _____

Is all that we see or seem _____

But a dream within a dream? _____