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 A Presence that disturbs me with the joy
 Of elevated thoughts ; a sense sublime
 Of something far more deeply interfused,
 Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns
 And the round ocean and the living air
 And the blue sky and in the mind of man ;
 A motion, and a spirit, that impels
 All thinking things, all objects of all thought,
 And rolls through all things.

WORDSWORTH

And this to fill us with regard for man,
 With apprehension of his passing worth,
 Desire to work his proper nature out,
 And ascertain his rank and final place ;
 For these things tend still upward, progress is
 The law of life, man is not Man as yet.

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